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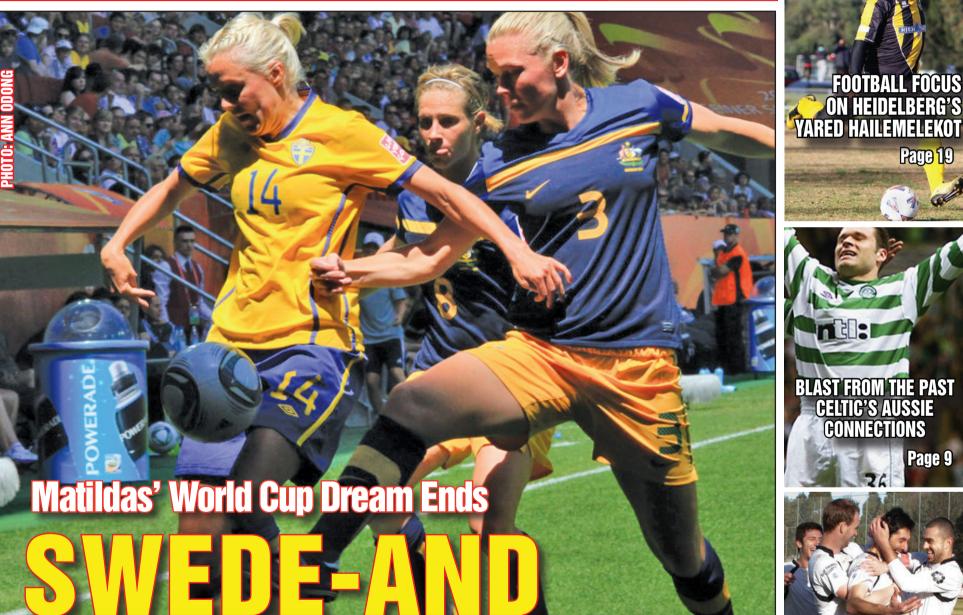
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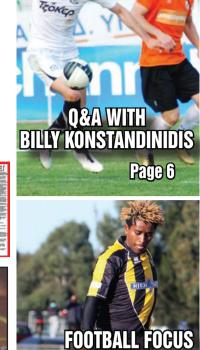


Action from the Matildas' 3-1 World Cup quarter final loss to

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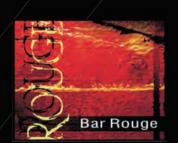




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Matildas' World Cup Dream Ends

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By Mike Salter

Two moments of Swedish class and a tragic defensive error saw the Matildas bow out of the 2011 Women's World Cup at the quarter-final stage, as they did in 2007.

A bad mistake by Kim Carroll in the sixth minute almost gifted Lotta Schelin an early goal, but the Swede's first touch was heavy and Melissa Barbieri managed to gather the ball.

The Swedish star was, however, at the heart of the move which gave the Europeans their early lead. Gliding expertly past Ellyse Perry on the left-hand touchline, she cut the ball back sharply for Therese Sjogran, whose left-footed shot beat an unsighted Barbieri at her near post. Soon afterwards Perry went some way towards making amends, putting her body in the way of a thumping Sjogran shot from a right-wing cross.

A stunned Matildas defence conceded a dispiriting second a few minutes later. Again Perry was beaten on the Swedish left, this time by Sjogran, and the veteran's well-flighted cross was headed in by Lisa Dahlkvist in the midst of non-existent marking.

The Swedes maintained the initiative until the half-hour. The Matildas revived thereafter, largely thanks to the industry and trickery of Lisa De Vanna, and almost scored a surprise goal when Colette McCullum's deep free kick was badly misjudged by Hedvig Lindahl in the Swedish goal. Only a minute later, the Matildas did indeed get their goal, and a spectacular one it was. A corner was



How Swede it is! Sweden celebrates their passage to the Semi Finals of the World Cup. Photo: ANN ODONG

played short by McCullum for Perry, and the right-back's leftfooted missile whistled past Lindahl at the far post.

The Matildas emerged for the second half in determined mood, and had the Swedes on the back foot in the opening minutes. However another fearful defensive error gave the Australians a mountain to climb; a careless backpass from Carroll, under some pressure, set Schelin free on goal, and a striker of her class needed no second invitation to round the keeper and score.

Tameka Butt and Clare Polkinghorne arrived as substitutes, and the former's arrival nearly bore fruit when her right-wing cross was headed just wide by Kyah Simon. On 66 minutes, another enterprising run by De Vanna saw her beat Lindahl but just fail to find the goal from a tight angle. The Matildas were showing no

The Matildas were showing no lack of fight. Butt and Shipard both went close as the minutes ticked away, and at the other end Barbieri made two good saves

from the veteran Oqvist. The experienced Swedes, however, were ultimately able to close out the game efficiently. A disappointing end to a fine campaign for Tom Sermanni's brave charges.

Meanwhile, hosts and defending champions Germany are out of the FIFA Women's World Cup after a 1-0 extra-time defeat to Japan in the quarter-finals.

Following a goalless 90 minutes at Wolfsburg's Volkswagen Arena, Karina Maruyama struck in the 108th minute to send Japan through to the last four.

World Cup winners in 2007 and 2003, Germany enjoyed numerous chances to take the lead in Saturday's match.

The first fell to midfielder Kim Kulig, who sent a header wide with four minutes played.

She was injured in the process and forced out of the match, in perhaps the first sign that the favourites would not have everything their own way.

Striker Yuki Nagasato spurned

Japan's best chance of the opening 45 minutes, shooting wide after a neat passing exchange.

Kerstin Garefrekes was culpable of two bad misses for the hosts, as the Frankfurt forward failed to convert a forward Melanie Behringer free-kick before later losing control of the ball when through on goal.

Germany began to dictate terms in the second half, but were still unable to force the breakthrough.

Inka Grings was supplied by Garefrekes but headed over, winger Behringer went close on several occasions from set pieces and Simone Laudehr saw a header cleared off the line.

With their own goal under siege, Japan were restricted to just two clear-cut opportunities. Aya Miyama fired over just after the hour mark and striker Kozue Ando failed to convert a cross from close range.

Germany should have won it through Babett Peter late on, but the Turbine Potsdam defender became the latest player to miss when her header failed to find its mark.

And Japan punished that profligacy in extra-time, when forward Maruyama received a measured pass from Homare Sawa before dispatching a clinical finish across goalkeeper Nadine Angerer and into the Germany goal.

In the other quarter-final on Saturday, France defeated England 4-3 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in Leverkusen.

England led from the 59th minute through Jill Scott's strike, but France levelled with just two minutes remaining courtesy of a dynamic Elise Bussaglia goal from outside the area.

Neither side could find a winner in extra-time, forcing a shootout. Camille Abily and Claire Rafferty both missed for France and England respectively, but it was the latter's captain Faye White who had the misfortune of hitting the bar with the last kick of the shootout, sending France through.

SHORT PASSES

Heart To Take Part In Hawaiian Islands Invitational

Melbourne Heart FC confirms it is poised to participate in the inaugural Hawaiian Islands Invitational from February 23-25 next year.

The Red and White's will take on a stellar field featuring MLS side Colorado Rapids, the K-League's Incheon United and J-League outfit Yokohama FC in the four-team tournament, which will take place at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

The tournament is set to provide an incredible opportunity for the emerging members of the Heart side who, headed by Youth Coach John Aloisi, will represent the Club in front of a global audience.

GLORY SCORE 9 GOALS IN MASSIVE WIN AGAINST WA

Perth Glory warmed up for Saturday's blockbuster against Celtic FC with a huge win against the WA State team at Dorrien Gardens last Wednesday night

Perth Glory showed their class with an emphatic 9-4 victory, their biggest winning margin against the State team.

Leading 3-1 at half-time, thanks to goals from Travis Dodd (two) and Steven McGarry, Glory coach lan Ferguson played his younger players in the second half and they didn't disappoint.

Josh Risdon, Reece Vittiglia (two), Adam Taggart (two) and Tommy Amphlett all added goals after the interval as the crowd of 1589 were treated to a free-flowing contest. Dutch defender Bas van den Brink, star striker Shane Smeltz and Republic of Ireland midfielder Liam Miller

Asian Olympic Groups Decided

all started their first games for Perth

Glory, playing the first half.

The Qantas Australian Under 23's have been drawn alongside Iraq, Uzbekistan, and UAE in Group B of the third round of the Asian Qualifiers for the London 2012 Olympic Games men's football tournament.

The Qantas Australian Under 23's are scheduled to play their first match of the round on Wednesday 21 September 2011 with venues and kick-off times to be confirmed for all matches to be confirmed soon.

Asia are allotted 3.5 slots for the London 2012 Olympic Gamers men's football tournament.

The winner of each group from the third round will automatically progress to next year's Olympic Games.

The three second-placed teams from the third round will clash in a playoff at a centralised venue from 25 to 29 March, 2012, and the winner of this group will then meet the representatives of CAF (Africa) for a berth at the Olympic Games.

London 2012 Olympic Games – Asian Qualification 3rd Round Group A: Korea Republic, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman Group B: Australia, Iraq, Uzbekistan,

Group C: Japan, Bahrain, Syria, Malaysia

Young Socceroos draw with Mariners

The Young Socceroos have had a 1-all draw against the Central Coast Mariners in a training match which served as their final hit out on Australian soil before the final selection of the squad that will head to Colombia later this month for the FIFA U-20 World Cup.

Versleijen will name his final Qantas Young Socceroos squad early next week before departing for a pre-tournament camp in Denver on Saturday 16th July where his team will play two friendly matches against the Korea Republic and England prior to arriving in Colombia to finalise preparations for the FIFA U-20 World Cup.

Mariners 1 (Michael Baird 54' (pen)) Young Socceroos 1 (Dimitrios Petratos 56')





Matilda Kim Carroll gives chase to her Swedish opponent. And attempts to win the possession of the ball. Photos: ANN ODONG

A Week's A Long Time In Football Dept.

Adelaide United FC has pulled off a major recruiting coup ahead of the Hyundai A-League 2011/12 Season after securing Qantas Socceroos midfielder Dario Vidošić.

Less than a week after losing Argentinean playmaker Marcos Flores to Chinese Super League club Henan Jianye, the Reds have acquired Vidosic's services for the next three years.

The 24 year old arrives in Adelaide following four seasons in Germany, where he made 29 appearances and scored three goals for Bundesliga club FC Nurem-

A current member of the Qantas Socceroos' squad who played in both of the Socceroos' recent friendlies against New Zealand and Serbia, and was also part of Australia's FIFA 2010 World Cup squad in South Africa, Vidosic brings a wealth of talent and experience to the Reds' push towards a first Hyundai A-League championship.

"We are thrilled to have Dario at the club. Significantly he is an Australian player who has played at a very high level for a strong club in one of the best leagues in Europe," Adelaide United Head Coach Rini Coolen said.

"Dario is a player who can play on the left and the right, and also behind the striker which makes him extremely versatile."

"Add his speed and his ability to score goals, and there is no doubt that he will be a fantastic addition to our squad."

Resisting offers from Europe and Asia to join the Reds, Vidosic believes United's intended play style is the perfect fit as he looks to rediscover his enjoyment in the game, something he admits had started to wane during his time in Germany.

"In the end I wanted to go to a club that is playing my style of football Llike to attack Llike the ball at my feet and I like to express myself, and I felt I didn't have the chance to do that (in Germany), so I just want to come back and enjoy my football and hopefully do well for Adelaide and for the fans," Vidosic said.

"I'm just really looking forward to being in Australia under a good coach with a good club. We want to set some high ambitions and there are also some personal goals that I want to achieve, and at the end of the day it just comes down to enjoyment and wanting to have fun - that's why you play.

Vidosic's signing as the Reds' Australian designated player is the first time Adelaide United has attracted someone from a current Oantas Socceroos squad, but despite the expectations that may come with the status, he is just focused on helping Adelaide suc-

"Really I just want to help out the team in any way I can. If in the end that's scoring goals or having assists, I just want to be a contributing factor and put that pressure on myself to maintain being a Socceroo, and I think that playing here can only benefit me in getting confidence and enjoying it in front of good crowds and good stadiums," Vidosic said.

"Hopefully I can continue on with the Socceroos and help Adelaide in their push for the finals and qualification for the Asian Champions League again."



Dario Videsic scores for Australia against New Zealand in the send off match before departing for World Cup in South Africa last year. Photo: DANIEL FLIS

Previous perceptions in regards to senior national team duty have been that players must ply their trade in other leagues around the world to be considered. However, since Holger Osieck's appointment as Qantas Socceroos Head Coach, this is no longer the case. and Coolen believes Osieck's willingness to select players competing in the Hvundai A-League is allowing players of Vidosic's calibre to return to Australia while in their prime, a benefit for not only Adelaide United, but football in Australia.

"Holger has shown that if play-

ers play well in the Hyundai A-League, they can still be selected in the national team, and coming to Adelaide gives Dario a chance to play more often and try to perform at a really high level for us in order to keep under the radar of the Socceroos," Coolen said.

Born in SFR Yugoslavia, Vidosic relocated from Croatia to Brisbane with his parents at age one when his father accepted an offer to play for the Queensland Lions. Football talent ran in the family as Vidosic received a scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and then in 2006 he scored a two year

deal with Queensland (now Brisbane) Roar.

It was during his time with the Roar and whilst representing Australia at U-20 and U-23 level that Vidosic took the interest of FC Nuremburg, as he joined the German heavyweights on a three year deal in 2007.

Selection for the Qantas Socceroos followed in 2009 as he became one of Australia's attacking midfield options. Vidosic will wear the number 10 shirt for the Reds and begin training with the squad today.

SHORT PASSES

Clubs for season 2011 is fast approaching!

The deadline to Change Clubs is 5.00pm - Wednesday 20 July, 2011. This applies to all clubs and players throughout Victoria. When a player changes clubs during the season, their subsequent registration with the new club is termed a Supplementary Registration. For all new players, the final day to register prior to playing is Wednesday 31 August, 2011.

Extra Time TV: Tue 7:30pm on C31 Don't miss Extra Time TV next week, featuring highlights of VPL match of the round between Melbourne Knights vs Heidelberg United along with WPL match between Box Hill vs South Melbourne.

A-League Extras

If you are interested in being part of the latest A-League commercial here is your chance. You will need to be available between 13 and 15 July. All extras will also receive four Category A tickets to the next Qantas Socceroos match in Melbourne. Call or email Toni for further details toni@thcasting.com.au or (02) 9328

Sharks to play Victory

Port Melbourne Sharks are set to play Melbourne Victory in a friendly match on Tuesday 26th July at Anderson Reserve, Port Melbourne. Entry for adults is \$5 and kids under 14 is free Kick off is at 7pm

EPL Trophy visits Australia

Football fans will have the opportunity

to have their picture taken with the Barclays Premier League Trophy at Valentine Sports Park on Sunday 17th July from 2:30pm - 6:00pm. Valentine Sports Park will be abuzz with activity with the home of football in Sydney's west playing host to the State Cup Finals that same day. A photographer will be on hand to shoot fans with the iconic trophy, with a printer also on site

Football fans will also have the opportunity to have their picture taken with the Barclays Premier League trophy exclusively at Westfield Bondi Junction on Saturday 16th July from 12:00pm

Marcel Desailly, one of the Barclays Premier League's legends, will appear at centre court alongside the Barclays Premier League Trophy, for an extensive interview followed by a limited photograph session with the trophy for fans who attend the event.

Double Header For Phoenix

Wellington Phoenix head to Auckland later this month for a double-header against the Junior All Whites and ASB Premiership champions Waitakere

On July 17 at North Harbour Stadium the Phoenix will assist the Junior All Whites warm-up for the FIFA under-20 World Cup four days prior to their departure for Colombia.

Three days later the Phoenix will take on Waitakere United at Henderson's Trusts Stadium as they continue heir build-up to the 2011-12 Hyund A-League season.

Severino determined to make his mark

DANIEL Severino says that even at the ripe age of twenty-nine he never gave up hope of getting his breakthrough into the Hyundai A-League.

The well-travelled midfielder completed the formalities of his United move from Sydney Olympic this week after impressing Miron Bleiberg in a recent trial at the club.

Blessed with the sweetest of left feet, Severino came close to penning a deal with Sydney FC during the closing stages of Terry Butcher's reign, but when the proposed move fizzled out the former Marconi junior was left wondering whether his chance had passed him by

Persistence paid off though for the dead ball expert who has enjoyed stints with Piacenza (Italy), Umea FC (Sweden) and English side Millwall during his colourful career. After being handed his opportunity to show what he can do in the Hyundai A-League he intends to make the most of his opportunity.

"I believe everything happens for a reason. Of course I wish I could have secured a contract in the Hyundai A-League a few years ago, but sometimes timing is everything. I feel really good - like a 20-yearold again – so I can't wait to get to work and settle in as fast as pos-

"I never thought my chance of playing in the Hyundai A-League had gone and at 29 I feel I'm at my peak. I tried hard in the trial I had and thought I did okay, but you never really know what the coach is thinking.

"I was I little bit surprised when I got offered a contract so soon after my trial and I didn't expect to be here so quickly. But that's how it's turned out and I'm absolutely thrilled.

"My immediate goal is to get as fit as I've ever been. I want to cement a spot in the team and I know how much hard work will be required to do that. Miron has shown faith in me and I want to repay that.

"I want to enjoy every minute and live in the moment instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. That's something I've learned as I've got older and I want to bring that thinking into my football.'

While nobody is expecting Severino's move to Gold Coast to make media waves in the UK, one famous Aussie is sure to be pleased when the news eventually filters through. Everton and Socceroo star Tim Cahill is a good pal of United's new signing and the pair have kept in touch since their days at Millwall.

"Tim and I were together at Mill-

lies knew each other," Severino

"We hit it off straight away, became really good friends and stay in regular touch with each other. Tim is such a great bloke - a real gentleman and great ambassador for the

"He is always ready to offer words of encouragement and I'm sure he'll be pleased to hear the news.

United's Head Coach Miron Bleiberg thanked Sydney Olympic for their understanding after he plucked Severino from them just over a week after he joined the NSW club.

"Sydney Olympic have been very helpful and conducted themselves very professionally throughout Daniel's transfer as well as Alex Smith's," he said.

"They have shown they value the future career of all their players in the way they encouraged both Daniel and Alex.

In other news, Gold Coast are expecting to sign former AIS graduates Greg King and Aman Hadid on injury replacement contracts for Chris Broadfoot and Kristian Rees.

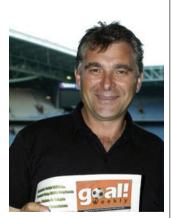
"They are both experienced players who been through the system and have a lot to offer the Hyundai A-League," he said.

Vlado Vanis appointed new Preston Lions coach

The Preston Lions Football Club will enter the second half of the 2011 Victorian State League Division 1 season under the guidance of experienced new senior coach Vlado Vanis following the departure of Nick Cuculeski.

Vanis is no stranger to the challenges faced at Preston where he has coached twice before, first in 1999 and again midway through 2005 when he guided the Lions out of the relegation zone to have them fighting for a finals berth at the end of that season. Vanis was also senior coach at the Melbourne Knights for several seasons during their tenure in the National Soccer League. Vanis will be supported in his new coaching role by Chris Emsovski and together they will be tasked with the job of resurrecting the Lions' fortunes. With a total of 30 points still to play for this season, Preston will be looking to make a bold statement of their intentions this Sunday at home against

Pascoe Vale who defeated the Lions earlier this season 6-nil. The Preston Lions Football Club would also like to sincerely thank outgoing coach Nick Cuculeski for his dedicated service to the club both as a player and coach and he will forever be regarded as a true Preston person who will always be welcomed at the club.



Vllado Vanis at a VPL launch a couple of season ago. Obviously knows a good read when he sees

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Cup prepares for 6th Round

By Robert Di Fabio

The sixth round of the pioneering Mirabella Cup competition has commenced with the current round branded as the Super 12's stage. Since its inauguration on March 19, the state-wide cup tournament has encompassed an exceptional amount of media attention nationwide, albeit for both good and bad reasons, however a re-energized cup competition is what many throughout the football community had been craving for many years.

The now defunct Dockerty Cup was the previous Victorian Cup competition. It had a rich vein of history and prestige, dating all the way back to 1909. The former cup tournament came to a closure in 2004; where current defending VPL champion, Green Gully Cavaliers claimed the bragging rights.

As evidenced, cup football has an immense sum of history in Victoria. The Mirabella Cup has allowed cup football to strengthen the old tradition, whilst giving supporters a different outlook into a unique facit of the world game. Thus far, we've witnessed smaller outfits outshine their higher prominent opponents, reminiscent of David and Goliath. Cobram Victory's exploits throughout the cup has received media attention from all corners of the press, from print to the various social media outlets. The allure and glamour of cup football is evidently a distinctive trend in itself.

six, only the one fixture has taken place so far. Dandenong Thunder welcomed fellow VPL counter-part Springvale White Eagles to their home turf. The other cup clash took place on Saturday, where the re-scheduled round five match between Ballarat Red Devils and St Albans Saints was eventually com-

With the commencement of round



The Saints and Thunder went down in more ways than one this week.

Game 1: Dandenong Thunder (VPL) 0-2 Springvale White Eagles (VPL)

Dandenong Thunder exemplified their early season credentials to challenge for the VPL title, after sitting top of the table and looking an ominous threat. However, since the turmoil that surrounded the club, resulting in a six-point deduction, fines imposed on the club and lockout to the club's fans, the outfit has looked bruised and battered failing to win a league encounter since its round 13 feat over lowly St Albans Saints on May 22.

The Springvale White Eagles are a near certainty to be relegated from the VPL, having to win the remainder of their fixtures and reply on other results to fall their way. With a sub-standard return in the VPL, following promotion from State League One last year, the Mirabella Cup has been on of the bright lights for the club this season, forcing their way into the final 12.

And so, on a chilly, gusty Tuesday

evening Springvale White Eagles held the delusion of inflicting further misery on Thunder's tumultuous campaign at George Andrews Reserve. With an imposed ban by the FFV on supporters attending Dandenong's home fixtures, this Mirabella Cup fixture was only opened to club officials and accredited media. With a hollow atmosphere surrounding the event, both outfits strived to forget the off-field dilemmas and concentrate their attention onto the pitch.

Despite their recent dramas, Thunder came out with an array of attacking play, constantly applying pressure on Springvale's final third. With a sense of pride to play for, Thunder looked boisterous to redefine their challenging season. combining well to have Springvale on the back foot. With numerous chances on goal, Thunder were unlucky not to break the deadlock, hitting the woodwork on two occasions through Shane Rexhepi and Ashley Stott. However, Springvale condensed the pressure being applied and went into the halftime interval on level terms with the score

With a wealth of opportunities gone begging, Thunder payed the ultimate price for squandering numerous chances in the opening half. Dominic D'Angelo lashed on to an opening against the run of play to plant Springvale in the lead halfway through the second half. It was bitter pill to swallow for Dandenong, who dominated vast periods of the opening half, to go unrewarded.

Thunder pressed vigorously to score that illustrious equaliser; however their fortunes turned against them, as Dandenong committed several players forward. Vulnerable on the break, Springvale seized their opportunity with a fast break, to catch Thunder's backline off guard. The resulting scenario concluded with Springvale doubling their advantage and sending the Eagles' outfit into ecstasy. For a team that hasn't had too much to celebrate this season, the scene was a memorable occasion for Springvale.

The resulting goal sealed victory, as the Springvale White Eagles marched their way to an unprecedented last-six appearance in the inaugural Mirabella Cup.

Round 5 catch-up game- Ballarat Red Devils (State 2) 3-1 St Albans Saints (VPL)

Ballarat held the honour of welcoming St Albans Saints to Trekardo Park. The Saints have had a turbulent season, following their promotion to the VPL this year. Sitting last on the table, the Saints would need to perform a near miracle to reside in the top flight of Victorian football for another year. The transformation from State League One to the VPL hasn't been an easy task, struggling to be competitive in

Meanwhile, the Red Devils have comprised of a successful season thus far, with galvanising performances in both their league and cup form. With congestion surrounding the State League Two N/W table, the Red Devils are optimistic of their promotion prospects, with only a few points separating them from a potential State League One appearance next year. In regards to the Devils' cup form, a fabulous display against North Geelong Warriors (State 1) in round four saw Ballarat triumph 1-0, courtesy of a Luke Armstrong strike in the 109th minute.

Given the Saints' dreadful form this season, the Red Devils were buoyant of overcoming their opposition on home turf, despite the latter plying their trade in a division two grades higher.

Ballarat commenced the match in the perfect fashion. Charlie King opened his scoring account with a wonderful strike from inside the penalty area to send the Ballarat faithful into raptures. With only 10 minutes played, it was an ideal way to begin proceeding. King's early strike was the difference at the halftime interval, with Ballarat leading 1-0.

The second period commenced in pulsating fashion. Following the referee's resumption, St Albans Saints brought the ball forward and were rewarded with an equaliser just seconds into the half. Louis Fenton's goal brought the Saints back into the encounter.

With the scores level, both outfits continued to show their attacking intent, however it was Ballarat who clinical in-front of goal.

Jermaine Fletch claimed the important goal for Ballarat, winning the contest from a corner to header the ball into the top right corner of the

Following the goal, further drama erupted when the Red Devils' Joshua Romein was awarded a penalty. However, St Albans' keeper Steven Pavlovic stepped up to the mantle, diving desperately to his right, to make a wonderful save.

With the Saints still in the contest, St Albans pressed forward searching for that eminent equaliser. However, it wasn't meant to be as Ballarat sealed victory with a superb strike from English import Adam Newbold, hitting an almost unstoppable strike at the bottom right corner of the goal.

Ultimately, Ballarat Red Devils recorded an impressive 3-1 feat over St Albans Saints. With this win, the Red Devils will face a sterner assignment, when they meet VPL outfit, Hume City in the final 12. A stimulating encounter awaits.

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FFA given a shake-up review of recommendations by the AFC in Sydney last week

By Francis Fields

News in this past week that has seen a weekend action-packed with all eyes on our Matildas, the Asian Football Confederation sent in a Special Mission Team to Sydney for a comprehensive assignment and found many incomprehensible system outlines that currently take place in the A-League to be tackled and reformed without exception.

These legal and governing body suggestions for improvement will enable Australia to further enhance the country's football league structure and all professional clubs to broaden to ultimately provide a smooth transition and be eligible for the 2012 edition of the AFC Champions League

Goal! Weekly can inform the following recommendations bring along positive steps for grassroots football, media, culture, infrastructure and the like for all other interstate developments that form the backdrop of Australia's football spectrum.

The team led by the AFC's Competitions and Professional Football Project Director, Japanese mastermind Tokuaki Suzuki completed a thorough and special eight-day mission that ended last Friday, July 8 and made the following recommendations:

Competitions:

- 1. League to have a promotion and relegation system and reconsider the entire league structure.
- 2. To organise more matches with a knock-out Cup or League Cup compe-
- 3. Possibly increase the registration (number) of professional players.
- 1. Create a mixed zone for the written press and TV/radio media

- 2. Secure flexibility to expand media/ press conference room and media
- 3. Segregate the flow between the media and VIP by timing management and/or securing a different entry/exit. Marketing:
- 1. Create a sustainable growing fan
- 2. Find a solution for non-sponsors branding at stadiums.
- 3. Consider the option of multiple broadcasters.

Technical:

- 1. Clubs to establish comprehensive youth development programmes and to hire technical experts to oversee the administrative and technical matters.
- 2. FFA to consider the integration of A-League clubs into the national and regional youth competitions system.
- 3. Emphasise on grassroots for U-8 and

- 1. The A-League operations and business activities to be done as activities of a legal entity.
- 2. FFA to avoid cross-ownership is-

Finance:

1. The clubs should manage their ex-

During a club workshop and meeting, a statement in the AFC's official website announced what Mr Suzuki said, "Today we are here not only to assess the clubs and the League but to assist for the development of professional football in Australia."

"From this year's inspection, we recognise that all the clubs have made a lot of improvements such as on the training sites, required stadium facilities, security officers and others.

The report also outlines that what the

Special Mission team assessed during their inspections are all under the AFC and FIFA guidelines that can enhance and allow opportunities to discuss further along the lines, a couple of more items for confirmation.

This will only ensure the country's football growth where the backyard is a formidable and populous Asian scene that can easily adapt to success models from European development systems as notable from France and Germany along with Brazil where one can witness the successes of Japanese and South Korean football.

Another positive note is how FFA's Ben Buckley took it all under the chin and collaborated, noticing the professional outlined approach where the AFC would like to work and tackle issues together alongside the FFA and A-League.

The Hvundai A-League is the utmost priority for Football Federation Australia however if things in any pyramic are not done in conjunction to fit other pieces in a jigsaw puzzle, there runs the risk of collapse.

It is also very important for the so called football family to provide pres ence and pressure when needed. The various media roles are also there to work together for the develop ment of the AFC Champions League with coaches, players, staff under the AFC requirement which are model that work in a football structure and ultimately lift the standard from the somewhat appalling performances by A-League clubs in the most prestigiou club competition in Asia.

The AFC Champions League is a grea opportunity for the FFA, the state foot ball federations, media and all club across Australia to listen, learn and get more information from the AFO regarding the criteria, assessment and recommendations.



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Going Greece Lightning is the Word for Billy

By Damian Davies

Hi Billy. Appreciate you taking the time to speak to us.

In your mid-twenties, you have followed the path that many aspiring footballers do, by starting your career in Australia before heading to Europe. Let's talk about your early playing career in Australia.

All my junior football was in Victoria. At the age of nine I began my career with North Glenroy, where I stayed for 3 years before continuing on to Meadow Park, North Coburg, Fawkner (my first year as a striker scoring 36 goals in the one season) and then Heidelberg United for two years. I also spent some time training with the European Football Institute (E.F.I), before progressing to Northcote City, Richmond Eagles, VPL with Frankston Pines then back to Northcote City where I can say was by far my most enjoyable season professionally.

You decided to chase the European dream. How did that come about and walk us through the club career. I guess I needed to be surrounded by players and clubs who lived and breathed football as much as I did. I always held football above all, which comes with a lot of sacrifices of course. While at Northcote City and E.F.I, opportunities came to travel to England for a few games. While there I had a bit of interest from several clubs but decided to return home to finish year 12. While playing a state league game for Northcote City, I got approached by a scout who later arranged for me to trial at Derby County. I immediately fell in love with the standards and passion for football in Europe, from that day onwards that I said football is the only way. How I ended up playing in Greece is with much thanks to head coach of Northcote City then John Kanesoulis. Both John and my brother spent time to get me in great form be-



Billy Konstandinidis made over 25 appearances in the Greek Second Division for Pierikos last season.

fore passing me over to Nick Papas, a former footballer in Australia now living in Greece. We went to trial with Veria.fc (2nd division) and a week later had signed my first professional European contract.

You spent 2010/11 at Pierikos in the second tier in Greece. Describe the standard of that league and perhaps some comparisons to Australia.

2nd division I can say is a physically demanding league with a lot of emphasis placed on tactical knowledge. Each session begins with a 45 minute tutorial on the opposition's tactics and how we will approach them come game time. The level of fitness too has to be of a high standard (sprint times, vo2max). I think it would be unfair to compare it to the A- league only because I haven't seen the standard of football

The club finished mid table and maintained their status in the football league. After transferring in the off-season, you managed to break in there and make over 25 appearances. What is your role at Pierikos and how do

you rate your last season on a personal level.

At club level I must say we were very unfortunate not to make the playoffs, this year was very tight in our league, but none the less we're satisfied with our result.

I came to Pierikos as a "coaches choice" right/left wing. This was a big step up but felt as if I was ready for the challenge after a previous successful season with Nikh Volou.

My first opportunities were given as a substitute, continuously adding a new dimension and attacking force to the team. I continued to work hard and fight for the position up until I got my opportunity to start off as a centre forward. Personally it was a very successful season, both statistically and performance wise (26 appearances) creating a lot of exposure for myself within Greece and neighbouring countries.

You are currently on a break between seasons. Firstly, many would assume being in Greece makes picking a holiday destination quite easy given a choice of a European summer or Australian winter?

I think in general the major-

ity of people prefer summers over winters, and being in Europe makes it just that easier of a decision to make with all the beautiful islands surrounding us. Of course if I had more time in off-season I would travel home to see the family, after all its been 5 1/2 years since I've been home, at the end of every season I totally rest for 12 days, then continue training with the clubs trainer.

What can you tell us about your plans for 2011/12 and give us a glimpse of your club aspirations for the future. Will Australia get a look in at some point?

At this point I believe remaining at Pierikos for another season will help me greatly for the future, my goal is to play outstanding football with statistics (goals assists and games). Another positive season will definitely lead to the Greece Super League or even a move to Bundesliga.2 (Germany) as I have already had discussions with some German based clubs. I've placed a huge amount of hard work to be in Europe for 5 1/2 years, but I would consider a serious offer from Australia, after all there's no place like home.

Representative football is a pinnacle for many footballers. Throughout your career, what honours have you received? Naturally a Socceroos call up would be an ambition for you in the future. What do you see as the stepping stones to make that a reality?

To be honest, although every year as a junior I was invited to play with the Victorian representatives, I was unable to attend training sessions which made it hard to move onto better things that Australian football offered (vis,ais, joeys, olyroos). To represent your country in any sport is an honour and validation for any athlete. For a long time it seemed as a dream, if my football success continues then I might just be closing the gap to achieving a milestone with wearing the green and gold. I do believe 2nd division players should get a look into as it a highly respected league in Europe.

Now on the lighter side. A few quick fire questions;

What are your fondest football memories -

Winning league titles as a junior, leagues top goal scorer with Fawkner. This year I

have fond memories of my first goal for Pierikos and in 2nd division, subbed on the 87th min and managed to score in the 91st minute to seal the win. Finally it's an honour playing a long side and having met big named European football internationals, and of course a long side NSL player legends like Peter Tsolakis, Ileigh Tsoumerkis, Alex Gymnopoulos and many more

Any "special" team mates that have gone on to become big names -

Ersan Gulum- teammates at North Coburg now playing in Turkey, proud for him and his progress.

Tony Hatzis- teammates last year, Tony having played with Adelaide United in the A-League.

I'm sure there are many others but have lost track of their progress.

Who has been your most influential manager/coach -

I have had many influential coaches in the past, to outline one would be unfair. I learnt and gained wisdom from each and every coach it is important to value their opinions.

My most influential coach has always been my father in the stands alongside my brother who were continuously correcting my game. My family and relatives offered me huge support whilst playing in Australia,

My current form is mainly due to Nick Papas who is always trying to get the best out of me, every single day.

Australia are in both the U17 and U20 World Cups this summer. Any chance of seeing that on TV in Greece??

Australia doesn't get a huge amount of coverage but when they do it's always good to see and hear that the Aussies are doing well.

Thanks for your time and great insights mate. Best wishes for the upcoming season!!



Balkan Wrap



Alex Milic

Stefan Savic made his name last season in the UEFA Champions League with solid performances against Shakhtar Donetsk and Arsenal.

The young defender only played two seasons in the Serbian Super-Liga and caught the eye of Arsenal while still at BSK. Savic then spent 10 days in London trialling with Arsenal before being snapped up by Partizan where he quickly established a reputation that would lead to his 2011 transfer to Manchester City.

The defender, born in the small Montenegrin town of Mojkovac, received his first real chance thanks to the suspensions of Ivan Stevanovic and Marko Jovanovic. He displayed defensive capabilities and a sound reading of the game, leading to a regular place in the Partizan starting eleven. Along with his fine performances in the SuperLiga and Champions League, a call up to The Montenegrin National Team arrived and he picked up his first senior cap

against Northern Ireland. While at Partizan he played alongside mentor the experienced Mladen Krstajic who Nemanja Vidic also credits in helping him as a defender, there was no better player for a teenager to learn from. In the National Team Savic gelled

clubs.

Alex Luttrell

It seems that every week in foot-

balling Europe is one for even

more transfers and rumours

amongst some of the top flight

Once again these signings have

been centred in England with the

most interesting being the signa-

ture of Blackpool's midfield mae-

stro Charlie Adam to Liverpool

for \$10 million. After the ruthless

pursuit of the 25 year old, the Reds

finally have a player to team up with

Steven Gerrard and now Jordan

Henderson to become legitimate

Gael Clichy has also completed his

much anticipated move from Arse-

nal to Manchester City for \$10 mil-

lion to help bolster the Sky Blue's

defence. Arsenal team-mate Samir

Nasri is also on the brink of mov-

ing to City and an offer is being

Manchester United pair John

O'Shea and Wes Brown have com-

pleted a move to Sunderland on an

undisclosed fee. With 616 appear-

ances for United between them the

Black Cats are very pleased to have

their expertise on board. Roma's

John Arne Riise is also poised to

move to Fulham if all goes well with

Other well known signings in Eu-

rope thus far include Real Madrid's

gain of left-back Fabio Coentrao

from Benfica for \$39 million and

title contenders.

prepared.

his medical.

City snap up Stefan Savic



Manchester City new signing Stefan Savic

perfectly with experienced defenders Marko Basa, Savo Pavicevic and Milan Jovanvoic. They formed a formidable back line which to date has only conceded one goal in Euro 2012 Qualifying. The match in London against England was another big stage for Savic to showcase the world his skills and defending capabilities. The back four managed to keep England goalless in a 0:0 draw. This brought the attention of many European clubs. In one season Savic played in the

UEFA Champions League, was an integral part in Montenegro's defence which only let in one goal in qualifying and won the Serbian League and Cup. Having a key role in each of these triumphs was another tick on his personal resume and scouts all over Europe were taking note. The Italian League first comes to mind as Savic possesses similar traits to that of AC Milan legend Paolo Maldini. Savic is a great tackler, is excellent in the air, has fantastic technique for a defender, reads the game well, is not scared to go into a challenge and possesses the sort of maturity and awareness associated with players many years his senior. There have also been comparisons to another Milan defender in Alessandro Nesta. Not bad for a 20 year old. The only downside is his overconfidence which can at times make him shaky at the back.

The move to Manchester City is a huge step for Savic but he will be ready for the challenge. The English League will be perfect for Savic as his skill deserves to rub shoulders amongst the best in the world. Savic is the next big defender to play for a big English club from the Serbian League and with the likes of Kolarov, Vidic and Ivanovic all well known defenders, Savic will soon be amongst the best defenders in the league. You can take that to the bank and reap the rewards.

This quote about his deceased father says a lot about his personal-

"Football is a way for me to get away from all the things in my life as well as for my mum and my sister. My father was everything to me he was someone I looked up to. It's little to say that I loved him, every minute with him was valuable fulfilled with care and happiness which only he could

Fellow Partizan player Radosav Petrovic was certain to sign for Dutch side Vitesse Arnhem but the deal fell through when Petrovic and his agent asked for more money having already signed a pre contract and undergone medical tests. Petrovic wanted 700,000 euros a season which would make him one of the best paid players in the league and playing at a club which only just escaped relegation last season. Petrovic has now been linked with Italian sides Fiorentina and AS Roma

Red Star sold their captain Pavle Ninkov to French Ligue 1 side Toulouse but signed former captain Nenad Kovacevic from RC Lens which was relegated from the French top flight last season.

Miva ESPANA

Pepe **Lopez**

Man City for Aguero as Real and Barca Fight **For Neymar**

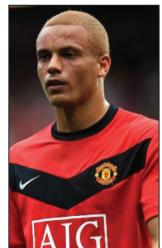
With Sergio Aguero the only stand out player for hosts of the Copa America, Argentina, Atletico Madrid have done away with any attempted negotiations for a cut down transfer of their star player. Aguero's impact as a substitute for Argentina in Copa America has brought Manchester City to Atletico Madrid's door with an open cheque book, dashing the hopes of Serie A's Juventus who had hoped to have been able to pick up "Kun" at a discount price.

Furthermore, Atletico Madrid have begun pre-season training as of the 4th of July, and Aguero is expected back at training immediately after the Copa America, otherwise they will need every cent of the 45 Million Euro buy-out clause to find a suitable replacement for Aguero. "He will play with Atletico Madrid," Leo Aguero (Sergio's father) was quoted as stating to Radio La Red, a prediction that concurs with Aguero's father in law Diego Maradona. It is speculated that whilst the money for a move to the English Premier League has always been put on the table, "Kun's" family preference would be to continue living in Madrid.

Ironically, the other big name constantly being tossed around the football transfer headlines is Brazil's **Neymar.** He also has a 45 Million Euro buy-out clause in his contract with Brazilian club Santos. Real Madrid are said to have offered the 45 Million Euro for a transfer this European summer off-season, however Neymar wants to stay with his club Santos until the end of 2011, to represent Santos in the World Club Cup. This is where Barcelona have crashed Madrid's party, by making an offer to Neymar to join Barcelona in the January 2012 transfer window. It is speculated that Barcelona do not have the funds to actually complete the transfer of Neymar, and are only entering discussions in an attempt to stall any deal that Real Madrid may make in order to sign Nevmar for the start of the 2011-2012 La Liga Season.

Meanwhile, Cesc Fabregas will have to wait on the outcome of Barca's attempt to sign Serie A's Udinese forward Alex Sanchez. It is reported that Barca have offered a player and 40 Million Euro to sign Sanchez (also a Manchester City target), and if that proposal gets up, there will no longer be money in the transfer kitty of Barca to meet Arsenal's 40 Million Euro evaluation of Cesc Fabregas.

Euro Transfer Merry Go Round Continues



Wes Brown becomes a Black Cat

Cesena's confirmation that Adrian Mutu has signed on a free transfer from Fiorentina.

Neymar is at the moment one of the hottest players on the market and with the 19-year-old last week vowing to stay at Santos for the remaining two years of his contract he looked determined to stay.

However, his manager has come out this week saying personal terms with Madrid have been agreed upon at \$6 million a year and only a transfer fee has to be agreed upon be-

This will not be until at least January as the Brazilian striker wants to remain at Santos till the end of the World Club Cup in Japan this De-

Inter Milan's midfield king-pin



Gael Clichy moves to Man City

Wesley Sneijder has been reported at a move from Italy back to Spain or England this summer. The majority of interest has come from Manchester United who have come out in saying he would be a perfect replacement for the retiring Paul Scholes and are considering the \$51 million price tag a reluctant Inter have put on him. Malaga have also shown interest.

Juventus have turned their interest from Sergio Aguero, after an offer of \$50 million at \$8 million a year through, to Villarreal's Guiseppe Rossi. An offer of \$26 million plus two players is being made for the Spanish side who are to consider the transfer. Aguero looks to honour his two year contract despite interest



Charlie Adams signs for Liverpool

from Man City and Real Madrid (no

Liverpool's new American owners are having a field day on the transfer market having already signed Jordan Henderson and Charlie Adam. They are now looking at Lyon's unsettled left back Aly Cissokho and are preparing a \$10 million bid for the 23 year old who is considering the sea change. Lyon are also considering the offer. The Reds are looking to complete the transfer of Roma's goal keeper Antonio Doni and a medical need to be completed. Personal terms have been agreed but a fee still needs to be sorted between the two clubs which is a certainty by the end of the week.

Liverpool also made a \$22 mil-

lion offer for Aston Villa's Stuart Downing which was rejected as short of the \$29 million valuation. A new offer may be made along with David Ngog.

Manchester City's Carlos Tevez has again handed in a transfer request and Mancini has held talks with Inter for a straight swap for Samuel Eto'o. Inter denied the offer as Tevez's \$298,000 a week wages are too high. However Eto'o still wants an EPL move so the talks may recommence at different terms. That is if Real Madrid doesn't meet Tevez's requests first.

Of course there is the usual interest from Barcelona regarding Cesc Fabregas who has a \$53 million price tag. Fabregas is most likely to leave at his own will despite Wegner's reluctance after the loss of Gael Clichy and most likely Samir Nasri as well as Manuel Almunia and Nicklas Bendter who are in talks with two separate unknown clubs.

Wegner is aware of his player departure and is determined to sign a big name before the deadline. This player could well be Real Madrid's Karim Benzema, with Wegner preparing a \$40 million bid for the French international which is yet to be handed to Madrid.

Lastly, Bordeaux may lose Alou Diarra who is rumoured for a move to Marseille. Bolton are showing interest in Manchester City's Shaun Wright-Phillips and Tottenham's Luka Modric still wants a move to Chelsea after the blues offer of \$32 million was rejected. He is unlikely to request a transfer but if a future fee is accepter he may well leave, according to his manager.

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Aussies Abroad with Damian Davies

With the majority of leagues in Europe enjoying an end of season break, focus for Aussies Abroad has turned to both the Asian leagues and the abundance of football being played at

Club Level:- A very limited number of Aussies playing in Europe at this time of year. Ante Covic has recently lost his starting place in goals for Sweden club Elfsborg, however a string of good recent results sees the club in the top three of that league.

Across to Iceland, where Dylan MacAllister made his starting debut for his new club, Breidablik. Just when Chris O'Connor had established himself in goals for Irish club, Bohemians, he suffered an unfortunate injury, ending up with a broken jaw. All that after recently returning from a shoulder injury.

Prominent Socceroo, Luke Wilkshire, has been a mainstay in defence for Dinamo Moscow. They have had a great run recently and now find themselves third on the table in Russia. Rounding out Europe, and Max Vieri saw his side, AC Prato, lose a playoff final and miss promotion in the fourth tier in Italy. While in Hungary, Jack Turner (Kaposvari II) completed the season both in the starting eleven and scoring during June.

Much more game time for our Aussies in Asia. In Japan, Josh Kennedy returned to scoring form and now sits on six goals for the season. His team, Nagoya Grampus went undefeated in June. Also banging in some goals is Alex Brosque, who scored three times

mid-table. Team mate Eddy Bosnar, scored a rare brace while playing at centre back. Great also to see Matt Spiranovic continue putting together a great run of games in Japan as well. Dropping down to the second tier in Japan, the re-

turn of Mark Milligan has also been a warming sight as JEF United mount a challenge for promotion. The Australian presence in China continues to be dominated by HAL players that are on loan. Those players, Heffernan, Djite, Kwasnik and Wilkinson all saw good game time during the month. The same can also be said for permanent fixtures, Joel Griffiths, Dino Djublic and Jonas Salley. In Korea, reigning Asian Player of the Year, Sasa Ognenovski is playing each week but Seongnam are still placed second last on the table. Luke DeVere is earning great reviews at Gyeongnam while Robbie Cornthwaite is seeing

Quickly to the Americas, where Richard Porta made a significant contribution (19 appearances and 5 goals) as Nacional won the title. Further north to the United States, Joel Theissen has made a positive start at his new PDL team, MPS Portland Phoenix.

the most success as his team sit in the

Club Competitions:-Europe

(UEFA Champions League)

(UEFA Europa League) First qualifying round. Ante Covic (Elfsborg) was an unused sub in the 4-0 opening vicclean sheet in their 3-0 first up game.

(AFC Champions League) No Aussies

(AFC Cup) No Aussies remain.

South America

(Copa Libertadores) No Aussies remain. Congratulations to winners, San-

Youth: No appearance data to report.

Injuries:- End of season marks the time for some quick surgery and tune ups before the new pre-season. A host of Aussies fall into that category, and a few longer term injuries that mean Garcia (knee), Downes (knee) Ireland (thigh), Grella (Achilles), Madaschi (calf), Jovanovic (hamstring) and Gulum (knee) would all hope to return early in the new season. Brendon Santalab has now missed three months with his ankle problem. Chris O'Connor is recovering from facial injuries sustained while playing in goal at Bohemians.

National level: Where do we start? The Under 17's have already completed their World Cup after being eliminated in their first final by Uzbekistan. A mix bag of results in the group stages, and certainly a few up and coming players we need to watch develop. The U20's are in another training camp, their preparation has been very impressive. They play their first WC game at the

end of this month in Colombia. We had a two-legged tie with Yemen as part of our Olympic qualifiers, coming through that impressively (7-0 aggregate), and moving to the next step as we progress towards London 2012. The Socceroos played two friendlies on Australian soil (which seems a long time ago), a win over NZ and a draw with Serbia. A few more players now in the mix with Michael Zullo and James Troisi seeing good game time and performing well. The absence of Mark Schwarzer also giving both Coe and Federici an opportunity to showcase their skills.

Transfers :- The end of the European season marks the end of many loan deals. Players do go back to their original club, but quite often some of these guys will move again before the new season. Still plenty of Socceroos such as Kewell, Neill, and Jedinak, looking for new clubs – so expecting some news in the next two weeks. One Socceroo that has landed at his new home is Neil Kilkenny who is now at Bristol City.

Additions/changes to database: -

Costa Andricopoulos (30 Mar 1991) – transferred to Ethnikos Latsion, Cyprus Jason Davidson (29 Jun 1991) - loan return to Pacos de Ferreira, Portugal Christian Esposito (23 Jul 1990) – loan return to Novara, Italy

Andreas Govas (21 Jul 1989) - loan return to AO Kavala, Greece Ersan Gulum (17 May 1987) - loan return to Adanaspor, Turkey

James Holland (15 May 1989) - loan

Troy Hearfield's returned to the Mariners and hit the winner against Celtic last week, after a four month loan spell in the Indonesia Super League. Photo: NICK GUOTH

return to AZ Alkmaar, Netherlands Brad Jones (19 Mar 1982) - loan return to Liverpool, England Aleksander Jovanovic (4 Aug 1989) -

loan return to FK Vojvodina, Serbia Neil Kilkenny (19 Dec 1985) - transferred to Bristol City, England Robbie Kruse (5 Oct 1988) – transferred to Fortuna Dusseldorf, Germany

Matthew Leckie (4 Feb 1991) - transferred to Borussia Monchengladbach, Shane Lowry (12 Jun 1989) – loan re-

turn to Aston Villa, England Dylan McGowan (6 Aug 1991) - loaned to Gold Coast United, Australia

KATSA'S KORNER

With George Katsamboukas

Ljubo Milicevic (13 Feb 1981) - trans ferred to Hajduk Split, Croatia Matthew Park (22 Apr 1988) - loan re turn to Hearts, Scotland Adrian Ucchino (4 Oct 1991) - loan re turn to Frosinone, Italy

Dario Vidosic (8 Apr 1987) – transferred to Adelaide United

Removed from database:-

Troy Hearfield (31 Oct 1987) - loan return to Central Coast Mariners, Aus

Simon Miotto (5 Sep 1969) - retired

book about the Lucas Neill World

Cup player revolt are proven untrue

and he is forced into an apology, and

now disgruntled former SBS blogger

Jesse Fink has been on the 7.30 Re-

port to reveal Les ordered journalists

to only portray the Australian World

Cup Bids in a positive light. Perhaps

Fink believes SBS should have been

like the AFL and NRL, the only

other Australian organisations that

wouldn't support a bid to bring the

ereeing blunders occurred at the

Women's World Cup when Austra-

lia took on Equatorial Guinea. The

Guinean defender caught the ball

as it rebounded off the post, held it,

turned around into the line of vision

of the referee and then dropped it

for her keeper to pick up and clear.

I don't think the referee even both-

ered in filling a report on that one,

just caught the next flight home and

back to the kitchen she should never

in jest, and to suggest to a female

official she is out of her depth are

should concentrate on cooking

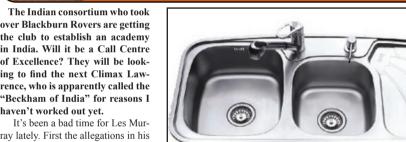
Of course the last line is only

One of the all-time great ref-

World Cup here.

BOO'S WORLD





Doing the Double: A kitchen sink on its way to the World Cup finals this week. The winners ALSO take home a set of steak knives. ...

instead is not only wrong, but according to the FFV is worthy of a three point deduction for any club who's associates should make such a remark as George Katsakis found out. Katsakis was again sent-off the bench last week, picking up a twogame suspension but thankfully no further points deduction. That will make it seven games he has had to sit out this season, maybe he is better off running up and down the sideline, outside of the fence, to support

Is it true Harry Kewell will only sign for Melbourne Victory if he gets ten cents for every copy of the Herald-Sun sold above the daily average sales figure, on days in which his name is mentioned in the paper? The most convoluted player signing deal in history.

Adelaide United held a press conference during the week to announce the signing of Socceroo Dario Vidosic. It came as a suprise, as there had been no mention of what contract terms he wanted or which clubs were in line to sign him at all in the weeks leading up to the move. Bernie Mandic mustn't be his agent.

Big week coming up at the tribunal, with the scheduled appearance of a Balmoral player who has been charged with a red card offence R6.5 Grade 4 meaning an automatic game plus additional 16 game suspension. The game was subsequently abandoned as a result of his behaviour after his send-off.

The presses will be stopped as Goal! Weekly try to squeeze match coverage of the Matildas v Sweden clash in before the printing deadline (extra time could blow it out of the water) which shows that the paper's commitment to women's football is far from merely token.

Harry Kewells signature to the A-League is becoming as elusive as free drink passes at Melbourne's finest night spots, with Sydney United and Melbourne Victory still holding out hope

Punters rest assured that I am not getting any kick backs for mentioning this Clothing Label, as one thing is for certain, no Club Powerbroker can fit into these

of securing the 'Politix" ambas-

Time will tell where Harry ends up, in the meantime, over to the UK we go where in frenetic pace, Clubs are signing new players, whilst at the same time, removing those that are excess to their requirements.

The EPL Kick Off is eagerly awaited by the local punters, which team will win it this year will be the topic of conversation over the next 9 months.

Celtic United have quietly appeared on our shores, and they will play some pre seasons matches against the A-League's finest.

Amongst them is George Samaras, who was once upon a time eligible to play for the Socceroos, as

he was Made in Melbourne, with his Dad once upon a time being a South Melbourne Player.

Samaras however decided to instead play for Greece, and he will be Captain for Celtic in their upcoming match against Melbourne

Man U's star defender Ferdinand is kind of doing it tough in the law Courts in the UK, where one illegal Happy End has led to other Happy Ends girls coming forward.

Seems that the "Head" count over the last few years has hit 10, my advice to him, is keep going as he is one short of a starting eleven, and 5 short of a full bench.

Interesting Story on Oscar Crino in last weeks edition, which kind of got me thinking of what could have been...

Rewind the Clock back to 1977 when Crino first arrived in Australia, he and I shared something in common, and that was a Park

Crino used it for the right reasons. and that was to practice his Soccer Skills, I used it to sneako W N Fields and J Walker, his invitation to me to trade these 2 very necessary evils of life for some one or one training was passed up.

He went on to play NSL and Australia, I went on a very long and undistinguished career spanning over 700 Games, 685 in the Provisional League Reserves, with 15 senior cameo appearances.

I never cry over spilt milk, however if its spilt J Walker, well that's a different story.

Until next week

this is Katsa- just as you've knowr



Luckily for Rio, the News of the World decided to pull the pin this

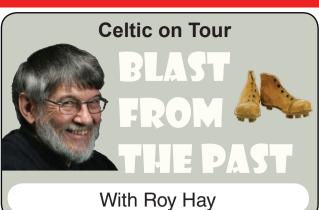
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The current tour by Celtic, which involves three matches against the Central Coast Mariners, Perth Glory and Melbourne Victory, is the Scottish club's third visit to Australia.

In 1977 Celtic took part in a fourteam tournament involving the Socceroos, Red Star Belgrade and Arsenal. Two years ago they had a one-off match against Brisbane Roar, winning by three goals to nil. Over the years Australia has provided Celtic with a couple of quality strikers in Mark Viduka and Scott McDonald. Former Celtic players who starred in Australia included goalkeeper Frank Haffey, Croatia captain Duncan MacKay and striker John 'Dixie' Deans.

The 'World of Soccer' tournament took place in July 1977. On Thursday 20 July, Celtic and Red Star drew one-all before 21,000 at Olympic Park. The Celtic versus Arsenal game on Sunday 24 July 1977 was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground, with the pitch turned east-west instead of northsouth 'for the first time in memory'. 'People in the Members' stand who do not pay anything to get into the ground will have the less favourable head-on view of the match.' The match was attended by the Governor, Roden Cutler, and the Premier of New South Wales, Neville Wran. Expecting 30,000, the match drew 21,460, mainly Celtic supporters, and Celtic beat Arsenal three-two with two goals by Paul Wilson and one by Ronnie Glavin from the spot. Danny McGrain was described by reporter Brian Curran as 'the best full-back ever to come to Australia'.

On Tuesday 26 July, Celtic had a hard-fought three-two win over the Socceroos, this time at the Sydney Sports Ground. Celtic fielded Peter Latchford, Danny McGrain Tommy Burns, Pat Stanton, Roddy McDonald, Roy Aitken, Paul Wilson, Alfie Conn, Ronnie Glavin, Johannes Edvaldsson and Johnny Doyle. 'Big Shuggie' Edvaldsson got two goals and Paul Wilson one. For a midweek match the crowd was a very respectable 12,742 and Celtic manager, Jock Stein, said the Socceroos stretched them. 'We don't want another one like that too soon,' he said. Though he was substituted before the end, Australia's best player was a Scot, Jimmy Rooney, who had been with the Socceroos in their only World Cup appearance to date in West Germany in 1974. Murray Barnes and Peter Ollerton scored Australia's goals.

Celtic went on to beat Red Star in the final at Olympic Park on Sunday 31 July, by two goals to nil scored by Roddy McDonald and 'Shuggie' Edvaldsson. Jock Stein got a mention for abusing a television commentator who had forecast a Red Star win. That game drew about 22,000 or 23,000, depending on which version of Laurie Schwab's match report you prefer to read.

In 2009 Celtic beat Brisbane Roar by three goals to nil with a team which included Artur Boruc, Andreas Hinkel, Gary Caldwell, Glenn Loovens, Lee Naylor, Paddy McCourt, Mark Crosas, Milan Misun, Willo Flood, Sean Maloney, Chris Killen and Scott Mc-Donald, who was captain for the day. Lukasz Zaluska, Marc-Antoine Fortune, Georgios Samaras, Paul Caddis, Ferry, Koki Mizuno and Aiden McGeady were on the bench. Chris Killen scored twice and Koki Mizuno, with a diving header from a Georgios Samaras



Duncan MacKay shows classic style at training. Source: Laurie Schwab collection. Deakin University Library.

Celtic connections





Tommy Burns of Celtic shields the ball against Red Star Belgrade during the World of Soccer tournament at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Source: Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library.



Frank Haffey celebrates a Sydney Grand Final win in 1967 as only he can. Source: Soccer World, 1967.



John 'Dixie' Deans, former Glasgow Celtic star, heads at goal for Adelaide City. Deans was the top scorer in the first season of the National Soccer League in 1977. Source: Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University

cross, rounded out the victory. The Roar had three ex-Rangers, Craig Moore, Charlie Miller and Bob Malcolm, in their squad.

From Celtic to Australia

Frank Haffey played 201 games for Celtic and kept 61 clean sheets between 1958 and 1964. He had two caps for Scotland. In 1960 he saved a Bobby Charlton penalty, though it had to be retaken because the big keeper moved too early, as Scotland drew one-all with England. The following year at Wembley he had nine scored past him in a 9-3 rout. After the match Denis Law found him in the team bath singing his head off. Haffey says he would only have lost eight if he had been wearing glasses. Later he came to Australia and played for St George-Budapest, including the 1967 grand final against Apia when there is a famous picture of him balancing on the cross-bar waving to the supporters after the victory. He also played for Hakoah Sydney and coached in New South

Duncan MacKay had 236 games for Celtic from 1955 to 1964. A stylish attacking right back, he made his debut for Scotland in 1959 at the age of 21. He came to Australia via Third Lanark in 1965 signed by Frank Burin for Melbourne Croatia as part of the 'Glamour Team' which went on to win the State League, the Ampol Cup and the Docherty Cup three years later. He orchestrated a team which also included the talents of Billy Vojtek and Jimmy Mackay. Later he coached Azzurri in Western Australia and returned to Victoria to coach Essendon Lions

John Kelly 'Dixie' Deans was a nuggety little striker who scored 124 goals in only 184 games for Celtic from 1971 to 1976. A hat trick against Hibernian in the Scottish Cup Final in 1972 confirmed his cult status at Parkhead. In 1977 he came to Australia and was top scorer in the first season of the National Soccer League in 1977 playing for Adelaide City Juventus. Rale Rasic said he was privileged to have been involved with Dixie Deans and Roberto Vieri in their careers in Australia.

From Australia to Celtic Two great Australian strikers went the other way, from Australia to Celtic. Mark Viduka signed for Celtic in December 1998 after the breakdown of his relationship with Dinamo Zagreb. However, a combination of financial issues over his transfer and the pressures he faced led to a well-publicised flight back to Australia. He returned and in February 1999 he made his debut for Celtic against Dundee United and never looked back. The following season he was the Scottish player of the year and top scorer for the club with 27 goals in 37 league games. He had just begun to build a partnership with Henrik Larsson when the Swedish striker broke his leg. Managerial changes and a defeat to Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the Scottish Cup punctuated a season in which Rangers won the league, so Viduka's efforts were not enough to salvage the season. The next year he moved on to Leeds United.

Scott McDonald was a Celtic fan from childhood, growing up in Victoria. After a spell in England with Southampton, he moved to Scotland and scored twice against Celtic for Motherwell in the final minutes of the last game of the season in 2005, handing the league title to arch rivals Rangers. Then he signed for Celtic in 2007 and scored at all levels, including a famous Champions league goal against AC Milan. In the league he scored 25 goals in 36 games in his first season, as Celtic clinched its third title in a row.

The final Celtic connection for this writer is that my grandfather captained the club for which he played from 1903 until 1911, when he transferred to Newcastle United. You can read about his career in Roy Hay, James 'Dun' Hay, 1881-1940: The Story of a Footballer, Sports and Editorial Services Australia, Teesdale, Victoria, 2004, available from our website at www.sesasport.com.au http://www.sesasport.com.au or from Amazon UK.

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Latin



Francis Fields

Goal! Weekly can proudly count on correspondents present across Argentina with in-depth views on the action currently being played in CONMEBOL's Copa America.

Most matches have brought the best viewers and spectators at stadiums and in front of their sets biting their fingernails.

Hosts Argentina are shy of a win and not only that, playing poorly in front of their home fans. Neighbouring Chile are a side exciting thousands of fans, whilst the remainder of the groups are locked in draws.

While favourites Argentina and **Brazil** struggle for form and results, Chile and Peru are awakening from years of slumber at the Copa America after moving to the brink of quarter-final berths. Uruguay cannot be far fetched along with Colombia as well.

Both teams have started positively to the tournament with the scenarios of commencing with solid performances and the latter, re-ordering their forms as of late with a newlook side bolstered and looking to notch up experience at the toplevel.

Peru on the other hand go into Wednesday morning our time (AEST) against Chile in an exciting derby that goes beyond the beauti-

Promising starlet Alexis Sánchez has his way with things. The reported Barcelona-bound ace scored to land a precious 1-1 draw with fancied Uruguay and leave the Chileans with four points - surely enough in practice to start looking forward to the last eight while Oscar Washington Tabárez's men have work to do after a second straight

The estadio Malvinas Argentinas (literally translated as the Falklands stadium) saw a sea of red as Claudio Borghi's men took its same attacking style philosophy to account with crisp passing and the football moving from side-to-side, especially from midfield.

Flops have been unanimous to come from Edinson Cavani and Diego Forlán. The two cannot say they lacked feeding from the middle of the park as the majority of Uruguay's troops worked very hard to gain possession against possibly the tournament's most technical eleven so far. It was **Álvaro Pereira** who smashed home the lead with an emphatic drive leaving questions and fingers pointing in the Chilean

On Chile's end, West Bromwich Albion defender Gonzálo Jara leaves a lot to desire with wayward positioning at the back leaving Borghi to sacrifice midfield mongrel Gary Medel to fill in. The impact however came from Palmeiras playmaker Jorge Valdivia. His wizardly skills can only be seen more if his side progress into the tournament.

Peru along with the Chileans, having earned four points of their own. Those north of the Humboldt current overcame a tight-marking Mexico after Paolo Guerrero's second goal of the tournament saw off the inexperienced Aztec-branded national side by the single margin, 1-0 in Mendoza.

Google it up, the Andean city holds one of the largest ex-pat population of Chileans so their grudge match between Peru and Chile can see off the pressure of political borderline

relations between the two. Motivation is scarcely needed as pretty much all players will be carving themselves up, giving their all.

Copa America Favourites Fail to Fire



A flashing backdrop at the foot of the Andes, as Mendova hosted Uruguay v Chile

Caribbean flavour as Maldonado celebrates Venezuela's lone goal victory over Ecuador.

Scouts and player agents will also be fretting their hands not just due to the cold, chilly conditions but with the array of talent at stake.

Over to Group B, Venezuela moved top courtesy of a narrow 1-0 win over Ecuador yesterday, after Brazil and Paraguay drew 2-2 in a

A goal from César González a minute past the hour mark proved enough for Venezuela to take all three points from their match at the estadio Padre Ernesto Martearena in Salta, located in the countryside of Argentina's Pampas.

It was just the "vinotinto's" third victory in the history of the tournament and moves them two points clear of their more-fancied rivals with one match each left to play.

Venezuela had the best of the early sights of goal, with Newell's Old Boys defender Gabriel Cichero firing a powerful long-range drive that was well saved by Ecuador goalkeeper Marcelo Elizaga.

Giancarlo Maldonado also went close following a good exchange with strike partner La Liga's Getafe forward Miku.

Ecuador struggled to threaten in the opening 45 minutes and, when they did craft an opening, it was wasted by Christian Benítez or chances denied from Levante forward Felipe Caicedo.

Miku went close again early in the second half after being played in by Giancarlo Maldonado, before Gonzalez broke the deadlock in impressive fashion.

Against the run of play, Ecuador did have chances to draw level late in the match.

First Caicedo broke free of the Venezuela defence to find himself one-on-one with Renny Vega, but he could only produce a tame effort straight at the goalkeeper.

Benítez then drew a smart save from Vega at his near post.

Venezuela successfully negotiated the closing exchanges to record a rare victory and move onto four points at the top of the group.

In the other match on Saturday, Brazil needed a last-minute equaliser to salvage a 2-2 draw in their match against Paraguay.

Mano Menezes' side had gone ahead seven minutes before halftime through a strike from distance by Shakhtar Donetsk midfielder

Roque Santa Cruz levelled for Paraguay, with the Manchester City striker finishing on 54 minutes after Marcelo Estigarríbia evaded the Brazil defence.

And when Cristián Riveros seized on an error from Barcelona full-back Dani Alves, Nelson Haedo Valdez was on hand to give Paraguay the lead, courtesy of a deflection off centre-back Lucio.

It looked like Brazil were heading for a costly defeat, before former Lyon striker Fred latched on to Ganso's flick to net the equaliser in the 90th minute. Paulo Henrique Ganso had a ripping performance by the way.

Brazil now take on Ecuador in Córdoba on Thursday, while Venezuela tackle Paraguay in Salta.

Lack of organisation at the Copa

Media publications have suggested Chilean and Uruguavan fans have taken for instance, over three hours to collect their electronic purchased tickets.

Local Argentine fans in La Plata have taken over two hours for their pre-purchased barcoded print-outs. What one would come to think is, the service disposal of Ticketmaster must be questioned. Firstly, what is the point of buying tickets online?

Nearly all host cities only opened one ticket booth for fans to validate or collect their tickets.

Stadiums have been up to scratch however not all. In Mendoza and San Juan, the stands have been unfinished, without all-seaters and left with piles of cement for spectators to witness matches. Many fans have travelled with months of anticipation not to mention, hard-working money saved up with enthusiasm.

A hard and cold finish to go with double blankets and pillows to tackle the fierce Andean snow that falls down this present winter. So far it can be said many of the favourite names have responded with their performances and can live up to more warm-hearted and passionate receptions.

It may be a harsh reception the one Argentina is going through where the nation's economy has been slowly picking up pieces from its notorious recession ten years ago. It's demise only shows how such a rich in natural resource cattle ground with sprawling world cities can still collapse, regather and continue surging on with a multitudinous passion in football to unite people.

The hosting provides an uplift in tourism that only booms in its sunny summer months, an influx of tourists from across the continent and the world's attention for its star-studded home grown talent that come across from all the participating countries. Lessons to learn and observe back here locally when it is Australia's turn to host football events for the

Nicolás Burdisso's public outburst

Defender Nicolás Burdisso has lashed out to various local Argentine media after the full-time whistle against Colombia which ended in a draw, the AS Roma stopper went up to little Lionel Messi and question his lack of commitment.

Problems continue to arise for the locals as two draws do not add to their positive start and points tally. It seems, inside the dressing room complications are increasing.

"You little shit, every ball even dead balls are to be chased. You just cannot leave a ball unattended, you have to run for f*ck's sake!"

Strong words there, quite verbal too and the differences vented out continued verbally into the change rooms. Of course, when asked throughout the camp, everybody flatly denied there was any wrong-

In all honesty, Burdisso may have caught himself foul-mouthed but his point can definitely not be ignored. Goes to show Argentina does not play a crisp, clean passing game like their Catalan counterparts.

Lionel Messi could may as well change his attitude completely as the national shirt he carries is the one that heavily weighs on his shoulders. Not a pleasant time for him at all. Many claim he is responsible for the low performances. Others say he only provides spark and dedication to club football while detractors and critics plead he is better not singing the national anthem at all.

Tight draws and excellent goalkeeping displays

Tight stalemates are synonymous to "parking the bus". Or it may well be on the contrary, both teams looking for not only tight marking and evenly squared football especially in the middle of the pitch but where both sides look to chase victory, to fight the idea of

There are custodians nonetheless who are causing a lot of distress to the typical strengths and characteristics of South American football; the attacking midfielders and forwards. Venezuela's Renny Vega has shown

his convincing character behind the line and in between the posts as the Caribbean-flavoured side not only grows in confidence but continues to play secure, attacking football.

His leadership as a Carabobo native and current Caracas FC goalkeeper speaks volumes at the back along with his acrobatics ensuring spectators some entertainment too.

For the hosts, as little Lionel tends to grab nearly just about every headline to his every move, goalkeeper Sergio Romero has ensured Argentina now may well count in with a fixed and starting custodian for years to come after a few doubts in previous years with coaching prede-

Other favourites Brazil have also done a lot of work in the coaching and development ranks to ensure not just the possession and ball-skill ridden players engrave the side but at

Long gone is the legacy of the faithful Taffarel and tall, dubious Dida where Julio Cesar takes the national team jersey quite comfortably as much as comes out for crosses with his safe hands.

Luís Enrique "Neco" Martínez is quite the story for Colombia. Having expected to travel to Argentina from the bench with Nice-based started David Ospina getting an injury in the warm-up to the tournament against Senegal, Martínez has impressed in Group A where the Colombia see their luck to progres-

Called up from enigmatic coach Hernán Darío Gómez, the current Once Caldas custodian ensures and guarantees a solid grip of hands for the coffee-bean makers.

Finally, Fernando Muslera has strengthened season-in, season-out after a shaky start to his club side Lazio in the Serie A. Having also knocked over some fierce competition from notable Uruguayan goalkeeper Fabián Carini formerly at Murcia and now the understudy to Peñarol's hero Sebastián Sosa with the Copa Libertadores' runners-up.

The other is Sebastián Viera at Villarreal whom all provided stiff battling but Muslera got the nod by Oscar Washington Tabárez and though he has been pointed the finger for some shaky handling of the ball and costly errors, his standing against Peru and Chile conceding a goal each cannot really afford to be attained to his margins.

TRANSFER NEWS

Starlet Diego Rubio pencilled in his signature on the dotted line with Sporting Lisbon CP. The five-year deal has a minimum 30 million $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ fee release clause. The famed youngster has bloodline ties with former household names in Chilean football but that has shown to be unaffected to an early rise to his career.

His international debut came about a few week's back in Asunción in the friendly prior to Chile's Copa America campaign against Paraguay before being dropped by coach Claudio Borghi.

Rubio's debut created such an impact with his former club Colo-Colo in their Copa Libertadores group matches earlier in February with goal-poaching performances against Deportivo Táchira and eventual champions Santos impressing agents and coaches.

AS Roma is in the watchful of Eric Lamela, the latest casualty in the midfield play-maker's fateful end to his tenure last week with relegated giant River Plate.

Talks are in full swing according to reports as the young gem bid goodbye to his faithfuls and those who have fought painfully with the club's drop to the Argentine second division. Lamela, nicknamed "Coco" and still only 19 years of age, spoke out on Twitter as customary from footballer's these days.

The troubled Buenos Aires club looks to redeem itself financially to start off its mountainous climb by agreeing with AS Roma's Walter Sabatini and become a new recruir to the Italian capital side's playing

Surely there must be other plans in River Plate's conniving plans by Daniel Passarella as both Napol and Internazionale in the hunt for his signature. Sabatini flatly denied AS Roma are any close to a dea however it looks certain from other reports coming in from the club's of ficial website.

Another name sparking waves is inform Colombian midfielder Dayro Moreno at Once Caldas whom one could see in the present Copa America. Like Diego Rubio, Sporting Lisbon CP are chasing after his services and as colleagues in South America put it, only experience car hand a platter for a player like him who have already tasted match-time with Steaua Bucharest.

As with transferd in general, a rule of thumb is to wait out to let both brokers and negotiators deal with i all before any embargo is released to the media before-hand. Shopping for players hailing from South America are a real-deal diamond hunt.

Mo-hawked Neymar, the curren star has declared he wants to move to Real Madrid.

Chelsea and Manchester United have been linked with Nevmar but i is Spanish rivals Barcelona and Rea Madrid who are believed to be leading the chase.

Agent Wagner Ribeiro admitted it could then be the perfect time to head to the Santiago Bernabeu or the Camp Nou after the turn of the year "The preference of the child (Neymar) at the moment is Real Madrid,' said Ribeiro, who added that the player 'always said that they were the club of his dreams'.

"We have to do the best for the boy so you can make two dreams: the first being a world champion with Santos and make history, and the second dream is go to Real Ma-

So much so for a child, for a boy Names such as Paulo Henrique Ganso and Neymar flood headlines around the world and can truly tire casual readers with ongoing ru mours flying around.

For the same reason, stay tuned to this page for another installment of football news south of the border as the Copa America hots up.

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Mike Salter

NSW Premier League outfit Manly United claimed the Waratah Cup, NSW's major cup competition, in emphatic style on Sunday afternoon, defeating Super League side Mounties Wanderers 4-0 at the Serbian Centre, Bonnyrigg.

The set-pieces of Matthew Simm had the Mounties worried early, with two half-chances created on the back of his dead-ball prowess. On 13 minutes Scott Balderson was released on the left, but could only send his shot wide of the far post as Manly's frustration continued.

Although Manly were dominant on the wings, with former Sydney FC man Joe Gibbs looking particularly dangerous, the Super League side were holding their own in the middle and almost went into the lead just before the half-hour, when Daniel McCann forced Manly keeper Dylan Mitchell into a good low save.

At the other end, Ali Akbal was called upon to save a free kick from Balderson as the half drew to a close. It had been an intriguing first period, in which neither side could lay claim to any sus-

MANLY CLAIM WARATAH CUP IN STYLE

tained dominance.

All that changed in the second half. Within a minute of the restart, Balderson found himself free on the left again, and this time his left foot found its mark, with Akbal failing to reach a searing cross-shot which rebounded off the far post into the goal.

Balderson almost made it two on 55 minutes, connecting with a cross from the right, but on the hour mark Manly's dominance of the second period bore fruit with lively attacker Adam Foti breaking free in the Mounties area, to be brought down by Akbal for a penalty. Foti himself took the kick, delivering a well-struck penalty low into the left-hand corner.

With Joel Rodden-Ward sent off for a "last-man" foul on Balderson, the Mounties' last hope vanished, and the match turned into a rout. Foti forced Akbal into an excellent save with fourteen minutes to play, and Justin Hayward sent a header just wide of goal soon afterwards.

Although Mitchell did have to make a save of his own on 83 minutes, Mounties substitute Daniel Willoughby testing him from distance, Manly put the game beyond doubt four minutes later. Foti played a superb ball through



Mathew Brennan (Blacktown City) slides in on Adam D'Apuzzo (APIA Leichhardt). Photo: NICK GUOTH

to Manly substitute Jordon Edwards, who was left with only the keeper to beat. His finish was inelegant, but good enough.

In injury time the side from the northern beaches added a fourth, Foti again playing provider after the exhausted Mounties defence had been caught in possession in their own 18-yard area. This time it was Hayward on the end of the pass, and he finished without ado.

Congratulations to the 2011 Waratah Cup Champions!

In the only NSW Premier League match contested this weekend, Rockdale City added to APIA-Leichhardt's woes by defeating the Italian-backed club 3-0 in their re-scheduled Round 12 game.

VSW Results

NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: RESCHEDULED GAMES: ROUND 12: FIRST GRADE: APIA Leichhardt Tigers 0 Rockdale City Suns 3 (Jason Naidovski 2m Shay Spitz 48m Sash Tirovski 86m).

GRADE 20: APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1 Rockdale City Suns 1, Manly United FC 0 Sydney United 0.

GRADE 18: APIA Leichhardt Tigers 3 Rockdale City Suns 1.

SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 17: FIRST GRADE: Spirit FC 0 Sydney University 3 (J Nills 32m L McConaghy 60m D McMurray 71m), Hills Brumbies 1 (L Darkoh 68m) Fraser Park FC 1 (D Wilson 14m), Dulwich Hill 0 Northern Tigers 2 (A Hett 31m G Forbes 83m). GRADE 20: Spirit FC 2 Sydney University 0, Hills Brumbies 2 Fraser Park FC 2, Dulwich Hill 1 Northern Tigers 3. Blacktown Spartans 3 (J Young 2m G McPhersor 63m T Spencer 82m) Granville Rage 1 (P Cappuccio 64m), St George FC 1 (I De Jesus 83m pen) Central Coast FC 2 (M Mitchell 34m J Lobb 97m), West Sydney Berries 2 (S De Jesus 65m F Reilly 73m) Macarthur Rams 1 (C Gomez 43m).

Next Round

Bonnyrigg WE vs Marconi Stallions Bonnyrigg Sports Club 7:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

Sutherland Sharks vs APIA Leichhardt Seymour Shaw Park 7:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

Sydney Olympic vs Parramatta FC Belmore Sports Grnd 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

Rockdale City Suns vs Manly United FC Ilinden Sports Centre 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

South Coast Wolves vs Sydney United John Crehan Park 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

Blacktown City FC vs Bankstown City Lily Homes 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

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Jarrod Ellis League leaders Brishane Strik-

League leaders Brisbane Strikers were out of action over the weekend but there was still plenty of action in Round 16 of the QSL.

After having dropped out of the finals places last week Whitsunday Miners hosted Gold Coast Stars in a match that would see the winner move up into fourth place on the ladder for at least a day.

Recent results suggested that the home side would be up against it, Brisbane Strikers, Sunshine Coast Fire and Gold Coast Stars themselves all having lost after the bye, a position that the Miners entered the match from.

Recent history wasn't the only difficulty the Miners were facing, star players Clark Bradford and Jamie White were both suspended, a situation that saw the depth of the Miners squad sorely tested.

However those concerns didn't prove to be a hindrance and Whitsunday saw off the Stars 3-1.

The first half was a testy affair and it looked like the half would end with both teams on level terms, until Liam McCormick struck for the Gold Coast just before the whistle to give the visi-

Sunshine Coast in the Box Seat

tors a 1-0 lead.

With their season reaching a delicate point the Miners needed to respond and with Bradford and White absent someone else would need to step up. To the relief of the home supporters there were two men who stepped into the breach, Jordan Corte and Aaron Craig.

Corte leveled for the Miners in the 58th minute, before striking his second in a frantic final seven minutes that also saw Craig get on the scoreboard to secure the three points.

In what was widely expected to be the match of the round, QAS faced off against NQ Razorbacks at Meakin Park, two sides battling to keep their seasons alive. With the stakes so high games

With the stakes so high games can often fail to deliver but this wasn't one of those occasions, QAS defeating NQ Razorbacks 3-2 in an entertaining match.

FNQ Bulls have put together a good run of form just at the right time of the season, their defeat of Capricorn Cougars last weekend was another step towards successive QSL finals appearances for the Mareeba club.

A match against Bundaberg Spirit was the next step in the road for the Bulls and there would have been few who would've bet against FNQ extending their recent good form.

The Bulls were without defender Luke Maggio for the match but



Bundaberg Spirit absorb the pressure and defend a corner from the Bulls. Photo: JIM HATCHMAN

any defensive worries that interim coach Tony Panetta may have had were put to rest by half-time with his team entering the break with a 3-0 lead.

Steven Cater continued the scoring after half and Alex Plowman added a fifth to top off a resounding victory for the Bulls and leave them in touching distance of the finals.

On Sunday Sunshine Coast Fire were presented with the perfect

opportunity to retake top spot on the ladder when the bottom of the ladder Capricorn Cougars travelled to Stockland Park.

The Fire annihilated the Cougars 14-1 in Rockhampton earlier in the season and despite never sinking to those depths again this season Bevan Dingley's side was never likely to get a result at the Fire's home ground.

With that in mind Capricorn did well to hold Sunshine Coast to a

5-0 score line, the Fire moving two points clear at the top of the QSL.

After their win Sunshine Coast look likely Premiers, an away trip to Whitsunday and a home visit from Bundaberg Spirit the only obstacles remaining that can prevent the Fire from taking out back to back Premierships.

Brisbane Strikers are still in the running but will need Sunshine Coast to drop points and to take

Queensland Results

Hyundai Queensland State League

Gold Coast Stars 1 (McCormick 45')

FNQ Bulls 5 (Bird 8', Madrid 14', Cater 35' 58',

Plowman 66') v Bundaberg Spirit 0

Sunshine Coast FC 5 (Blackman 8.56, Hol-

mes 50, Musson 61, Henslee 66) v Capricorn Cougars 0

QAS 3 v NQ Razorbacks

Queensland State Youth League
Brisbane Strikers 3 v Southern Cross United 2
SWQ 19s 2 v Sunshine Coast 16s 1
Gold Coast 19s v Bundaberg Spirit
Sunshine Coast FC v Logan Strikers

Next Round

Bundaberg Spirit v Capricorn Cougars Sat 16-July 7:00pm

NQ Razorbacks v FNQ Bulls Sat 16-July 7:00pm

Whitsunday Miners v Sunshine Coast FC Sat 16-July 7:00pm

Gold Coast Stars v Brisbane Strikers Sun 17-July 2:00pm

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Sunshine Coast	13	9	3	1	44	9	35	30					
Brisbane Strikers	13	9	1	3	41	15	26	28					
FNQ Bulls	14	7	3	4	36	21	15	24					
QLD AoS	15	6	5	4	32	26	6	23					
Whitsunday Miners	13	6	4	3	24	17	7	22					
Gold Coast Stars	13	5	3	5	23	24	-1	18					
NQ Razorbacks	14	4	5	5	33	27	6	17					
Bundaberg Spirit	13	1	1	11	11	50	-39) 4					
Capricorn Cougars	14	0	3	11	10	65	-55	5 3					

all six themselves in fixtures against Gold Coast Stars and Whitsunday Miners.

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Sth Hobart one win away from title



South Hobart are one game away from retaining their Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League title after Friday night's and Saturday's results.

On Friday night, second-placed Tilford Zebras could only draw 1-1 with sixthplaced Glenorchy Knights. This put the Zebras 10 points adrift of leaders South Hobart, who had a game in hand.

If South Hobart were to beat thirdplaced Clarence United at home at South Hobart on Sunday, the title would be South's for a third season in

As it was, the Knights were desperately unlucky not to beat the Zebras. In the second half, Matthew Nowicki had the ball in the net after a precise through-ball by Callen Griffin, but the effort was controversially ruled offside. With horizontal rain and gales sweeping the KGV Park pitch and into the eyes of the assistant referee, the decision can, somehow, be understood as there was not much in it.

Andrew Robb gave Knights the lead in the 11th minute with a low drive from the right that beat keeper Craig Minty and flashed inside the far left-hand

Zebras were level within three minutes after some appalling luck for the Knights. Central-defender Alex Holmes tried to clear inside the 6-vard box. but the ball ricocheted off an attacker and flew out to Jonathon Ladic. Hovering near the penalty spot, the unmarked Ladic drove the ball into the roof of the



Through the wind and the rain: Eagles' keeper Liam Ferrall can only watch as Beachside's Colin Shepherd tries to get in a shot. Photo: WALTER PLESS

Neither side could break the deadlock after that, although both goalkeepers deserve much of the credit as they saved several one-on-one situations.

The Zebras' Minty denied Robb with his feet, while Knights custodian Ben Peter did well to block an effort by Henry Fagg. Minty, who was filling in for the un-

available Troy Kaden, proved a stumbling block for the Knights' Brendan Garth on at least two occasions in the The relegation battle is becoming ex-

citing as bottom-side Beachside continue to match second-last Olympia Warriors blow for blow.

On Saturday afternoon, Beachside, who trail Olympia by three points,

earned a valuable point with a 1-1 draw at home at Sandown Park with fourthplaced New Town Eagles.

On Saturday night, Olympia Warriors matched this by gaining a point in a goalless draw at home at Warrior Park against fifth-placed Kingborough Lions United. There are four games remaining and

Olympia, who have a slightly better goal-difference than Beachside, lead the latter by three points

New Town Eagles fell behind to a 14th-minute goal by Pat Dunne, who swept home Colin Shepherd's cut-back from close range on a muddy and wet Sandown Park.

Eagles hit a post before Adam McKeown netted the equaliser in the 26th

Eagles appeared to have grabbed a winner in the second half when Beachside goalkeeper Michael Soszynski spilled Alex Leszczynski's free-kick and the ball rebounded into the net off Eagles' Alex Gordon as Soszynski tried to clear, but the assistant referee's flag was raised for off-side.

Both sides continued to slog it out on the heavy pitch, but there was no change to the score-line.

The conditions were perfect at Olympia's artificial surface at Warrior Park in the evening, but neither the Warriors nor the Lions could find the target legitimately. Joel Schuth twice had the ball in the

net for the visitors, but each time the off-side flag spoiled the Lions' celebra-

Next Round

Friday 15th July 2011 Tilford Zebras v Clarence United KGV Park 08:00 PM

Saturday 16th July 2011 New Town Eagles v South Hobart FC Clare Street 02:30 PM

Olympia FC v Glenorchy Knights Warriors Park 07:00 PM

ınday 17th July 2011 Kingborough Lions v Beachside FC Lightwood Park 02:30 PM

Saturday 16th July 2011 Launceston City v Ulverstone Mitsubishi Park 02:30 PM

Burnie United v Somerset

Devonport City v Riverside Olympic Valley Road 02:30 PM

Northern Rangers Bye

Olympia also went close on several occasions, including one effort from Josh Fielding which hit the woodwork and was cleared off the line by Lions defender Damian Pearce.

Olympia launched attack after attack in the second half without being able to score. Substitute Kosta Grillas hit the bar with his first touch, while Brady Cronk poked the ball wide of the target on two occasions and was denied on a third by Lions keeper David Leamey. Learney also did well, saving a free-

kick from Jake Van Der Mey and also foiling Nick Meredith. Olympia goalkeeper Robert Kay was

knocked unconscious 8 minutes from the end when he caught a ball but landed on his back, with his head hitting the pitch in a whiplash type movement. He could not be moved and the game was stopped for 20 minutes until an ambulance arrived and the young keeper was carefully stretchered from

Beachside FC 1 New Town Eagles 1 Glenorchy Knights 1 Tilford Zebras 1 Olympia FC 0 Kingborough Lions 0 South Hobart FC 7 Clarence United 0

Northern Premier League

Ulverstone 0 Prospect Knights 3 Launceston City 1 Somerset 2 Northern Rangers 7 Launceston United 3

Northern Division

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_aunceston City	13	4	3	6	23	25	15
Somerset	13	5	0	8	24	33	15
Riverside Olympic	12	4	2	6	20	26	14
Burnie United	12	4	0	8	20	30	12
_aunceston United	13	0	0	13	19	65	5 0

Southern Division

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South Hobart FC	16	13	3	0	61	16	42
Tilford Zebras	17	9	5	3	51	29	32
Clarence United	16	7	6	3	29	29	27
New Town Eagles	17	6	7	4	33	30	25
Kingborough Lions	17	7	2	8	33	39	23
Glenorchy Knights	17	4	5	8	26	39	17
Olympia FC	17	2	4	11	23	47	10
Beachside FC	17	1	4	12	18	45	5 7

treatment

Northern Rangers maintained their one-point lead over second-placed Devonport City in the Forestry Tasmania Northern Premier League after both sides netted seven goals against inferior Rangers beat bottom-side Launceston

United 7-3, while Devonport trounced Burnie United 7-1 in a North-West Coast derby. Third-placed Prospect Knights scored

a 3-0 away win over fourth-ranked Ulverstone, while Launceston City succumbed 2-1 at home against the visiting

MetroStars demolished fellow Super League side Croydon 7-0 in their Federation Cup quarter-final clash at Polonia Park on Saturday to secure a passage to the semi-finals.

James Yong, Scott Tunbridge, Ivan Karlovic and Michael Matricciani all scored before half-time to end the match as a contest. Francesco Monterosso grabbed a second half brace, scoring either side of Coach David Terminello's strike.

Monterosso said he was pleased with the team's overall performance to cap off a fantastic week.

"It was two great wins for us against Adelaide City and Croydon." he declared.

"It is always great to score, but it was a team effort. Credit to the other guys up front, plus the midfielders and defenders, who all played well. I thought the pressure off the ball was good and we took our chances. We shot down their morale in the first half, but I am surprised at the final result because Croydon is a good side.

Croydon captain Michael Papacharalambous said his side was beaten by a tremendous opponent. "They were just too strong," noted the captain.

"Once the first goal went in they overpowered us. We are now turning our attention to surviving relegation. That is the main goal.'

Consistent rain did not help the state of the pitch, with both sides cautious to begin with. The floodgates then opened on eight minutes. Matricciani's shot was saved by goalkeeper Daniel Christison

Metro hit Croydon for seven in Fed Cup



Croydon's Matthew Hiern (16) gets his marching orders from referee David Alberton.



but Yong was first to the rebound to put the 'Stars a goal to the good.

On the half-hour mark Tunbridge fired home the goal of the game, with a cracking drive from outside the box

Just two minutes later and it was three. Matricciani headed on to the crossbar, with Karlovic nodding home the rebound from closerange

The half-time whistle was about to blow when Matricciani finally got his goal. He was played in behind the Kings defence and slotted the ball past Christison.

Metro showed no mercy in the second half as they extended the lead with Monterosso's strike just before the hour mark. A Steve Grelli cross went to the back-post where Matricciani recovered the ball. Firing it low across the sixyard box it was put away by the

Terminello then made an appearance with 15 minutes remaining and with his first touch of the ball he slotted a free kick past the despairing Christison.

Four minutes later the rout was complete as ex-Adelaide United striker Monterosso headed home his second of the afternoon.

Best on ground for MetroStars was Tunbridge. He was ably assisted by Jackson Groves and Monterosso. On a disappointing day for Croydon, Dion Gazettas, Christison and Andrew Harous never stopped putting effort in.

Western Strikers continued their winning run with a 2-0 win over Premier League outfit White City at Carnegie Reserve on Saturday. Goal-machine Calvin Mbarga was on target yet again, scoring both of Strikers' goals in the first half.

Best for the hosts were Jordan Spadavecchia, Ambesager Sium Yosief and Michael Russo, while for White City, Michael Keens, Andrej Rastovac and Kosta Dimopoulos were impressive.

Adelaide Blue Eagles overcame a stubborn Salisbury United team, defeating their State League opponent 2-1 at Steve Jarvis Park on

Chris Annicchiarico and Kym Harris gave Blue Eagles a buffer, but an Aaron Taye reply before half-time made it interesting.

Goal-scorers Annicchiarico and Harris were joined by Fortunato Filletti in the top three for Blue Eagles. Meanwhile, Taye, Russell Harris and Corrie Van Paridon were outstanding for Salisbury. In the second all-Super League

This Week

Western Strikers vs Campbelltown Carnegie Reserve 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

aiders vs Adelaide Blue Eagles Croatian Sports Centre 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

Adelaide Galaxy vs Croydon Makris Park 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

Metro Stars vs Modbury TK Shutter Reserve 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

Para Hills vs Adelaide City The Paddocks 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul

encounter, Adelaide Galaxy squeezed past Raiders 1-0 at Con Makris Park on Saturday.

Shaun McGreevy netted in the first half to send Galaxy into the Cup semi-finals.

Lwandiso Cele, Evan Metanomski and Tom Briscoe were the stand-out performers for Galaxy. Matthew Stokes. Ante Jerkic and Darius Panozzo were the best for Raiders.

COCA-COLA FEDERATION CUP QUARTER FINALS

Western Strikers 2 (Calvin Mbarga 2) v White City 0 (HT 2-0) Best - Western Strikers: Jordan Spadavecchia

Ambesager Sium Yosief, Michael Russo; White City: Michael Keens, Andrej Rastovac, Kosta Dimopoulos

Reserves - Adelaide City 5 v Pirates 1 U19 - Western Strikers 1 v Modbury 2

Monterosso 2, Michael Matricciani, Ivan Karlovic, Scott Tunbridge, James Yong, David Terminello) (HT 0-4) Best – Croydon: Dion Gazettas, Daniel Christi-

son, Andrew Harous; MetroStars: Scott Tunbridge, Jackson Groves, Francesco Monterosso Reserves - Campbelltown City 0 v Metro-

U19 - Croydon 1 v MetroStars 2

Adelaide Galaxy 1 (Shaun McGreevy) v Raid ers 0 (HT 1-0) Best - Adelaide Galaxy: Lwandiso Cele, Evan

Metanomski, Tom Briscoe: Raiders: Matthew Stokes, Ante Jerkic, Darius Panozzo,

erves – Para Hills 2 v Adelaide Olympic 3 U19 - Adelaide Comets 2 v Adelaide Olympic 1

Salisbury United 1 (Aaron Taye) v Adelaide Blue Eagles 2 (Chris Annicchiarico, Kym Harris) (HT 1-2)

Best - Salisbury United: Aaron Taye, Russel Harris, Corrie van Paridon; Adelaide Blue Eagles: Christopher Annicchiarico, Fortunato Filletti, Kym Harris,

Reserves – Salisbury United 2 v Enfield City 2 (AET 3-3) *Salisbury United won 5-3 on

penalties U19 – Salisbury United 0 v Adelaide Blue

Standings

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1 Adelaide City	1	3	11	1	1	39	13	26	3
2 Metro Stars	1	3	10) .	1 2	2 33	8 8	25	3
3 Adelaide BE	1	3	7	2	4	16	15	5 1	2
4 Western Strikers	1	3	7	1	5	21	13	8	2
5 Adelaide Galaxy	1	3	4	4	5	16	22	-6	1
6 Campbelltown	1	3	4	2	7	11	17	-6	1
7 Raiders	1	3	4	1	8	18	21	-3	1
3 Para Hills	1	3	3	3	7	10	19	-9	1
9 Croydon	1	3	3	3	7	10	20	-10	1
10 Modbury	1	3	2	2	9	12	39	-2	7

It's a Sorrento v Perth State Cup Final!



The 2011 Football west State League Cup Final in August will see Sorrento take on Perth SC after both sides won through in tight games over the weekend.

On Saturday Perth SC booked their place in the final with a 2-1 win against Western Knights at Dorrien Gardens.

It was the visitors who dominated early, Stuart Montgomery's half volley from the edge of the box crashed off the post after only seven minutes, and two minutes later Daniel Trim header was saved by Perth keeper Devon Spence.

Perth settled and went close to the opener in the 26th minute. Greg Sharland fired over from eight-yards, and moments later a great run by Matt Danskin down the right, ended with a shot that Knights keeper Frazer Siddall pushed away.

Perth were ending the half the better and five minutes before the break a great run by Daniel Coletta saw him move to the edge of the penalty area. He fed Sharland, whose inch perfect ball sent Danskin in on goal, but again Siddall was out bravely to save at the midfielders' feet.

Then in first half injury time Perth again went close to the opener. Sharland's free kick from 20-yards was curled up and over the Knights wall hand save to deny him. But the rebound fell kindly to Andreas Oliviera, whose header was cleared off the line by the alert Duncan Hind, but it was scoreless at the break.

It was an even opening to the second half, the Knights going close early, Paul Cooke firing wide after good work from Montgomery, but it was the home side that hit the front on 58 minutes. A ball from Antonio Naglieri sent Adam Bachiller clear down the left; he kept his composure and cut inside Hind, and finished clinically past Siddall from eight-

Perth continued to look dangerous on the break and on 70 minutes another great ball from Naglieri sent Sharland clear down the right. The WA State striker moved clear of David Annall but his shot was superbly saved by Siddall at full stretch.

That save from Siddall was vital, as nine minutes later the Knights levelled. A long clearance from the Knights ended in the Perth penalty area, Spence's clearance was half blocked, and only went as far as Callum Robert's and the substitute fired home into an empty net from longrange, much to the delight of the Knights fans behind the goal.

It looked like we would be heading for a penalty shoot-out, but with three minutes remaining Perth claimed victory. Sharland slide rule pass sent Bachiller in down the left, the midfielder cut inside the box and his shot deflected off Shackleton and into the net, giving Siddall no chance.

The Knights pressed late looking for the equaliser, and in the third minute of stoppage-time Montgomery's corner caused panic in the



Western Knights striker Daniel Trim and Perth SC defender Trent Kay in action in Saturday's State League Cup Semi-Final at Dorrien Gardens. Photo: PETER SIMCOX

Perth defence, but they managed to scramble the ball clear and win a place in August's final.

Perth Coach Ronnie Campbell was delighted with his sides performance in the 2-1 win. "It was a battle out there today, and I knew it would be. The Knights were the better team in the first twenty minutes, but after that I thought we got into the game," said Campbell.

"The lads battled hard today, the defence was solid and it was nice to see Adam pop up with two goals. I always knew it would be a tight game, and it proved to be, but it's always nice to win a semi-final." In Sunday's game Sorrento earn a

place in the final with a hard fought 3-0 win against Armadale at Alfred Skeet Oval. In wet and cold conditions it was a tight encounter which burst into life in the second half.

Gulls defender Danny Cain opened the scoring five minutes into the second half; his corner from the right beat everyone in the penalty area and ended in the back of the net.

Then just after the hour Gulls keeper Curtis Aspden produced a stunning save to deny Tom Robinson, and they broke away down the left, Todd Harnwell crossed to the unmarked David Foster who fired home past a stranded Cyril Sharrock in the Armadale goal.

It went from bad to worse for Scott Miller's Armadale side, when defender Paul Lloyd was sent in the 69th minute, and Sorrento made sure of a finals spot with a third 12 minutes from time. Jason Mirco's cross from the right picked out an unmarked Foster, whose diving header

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STATE LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINALS

Perth SC 2 (Bachiller 58, 87) Western Knights 1 (Roberts 79); Armadale 0 Sorrento 3 (Cain 51, Foster 62, 78).

ECU Joondalup 1 (won on penalties) Swan

ECU Joondalup 2 Bayswater City 4; Floreat Athena 7 Canning City 2.

CATCH UP STATE LEAGUE GAMES

Gosnells City 5 (Kuppasamy 1, Pomfret 24, Burns 51, 56, McBride 57) Fremantle Spirit 2 (Aquino 6, Zico 23).

Gosnells City 3 Fremantle Spirit 2.

Under 18's Balcatta 2 Cockburn City 2.

Next Round - State League Cup

Floreat Athena FC v NTC E&D Litis Stadium 8:00 PM Fri 15/Jul Inglewood United v Balcatta SC 6PR Stadium 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul Cockburn City v Western Knights Dalmatinac Park 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul ECU Joondalup v Perth SC ECU Joondalup Stdm 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul Bayswater City v Mandurah City Frank Drago Reserve 3:00 PM Sat 16/Jul Stirling Lions v Sorrento FC Macedonia Park 3:00 PM Sat 16/Ju BYE v Armadale SC

All Flags WA Premier League

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Balcatta SC	17	14	0	3	44	15	29	42
Perth SC	15	10	1	4	31	17	14	3
Western Knights	16	8	4	4	26	23	3	2
nglewood United	15	8	2	5	36	24	12	2
Sorrento FC	15	7	4	4	22	19	3	2
Stirling Lions	17	7	2	8	30	30	0	2
Bayswater City	17	6	5	6	30	32	-2	2
Floreat Athena FC	16	6	4	6	28	25	3	2
ECU Joondalup	17	6	2	9	19	32	-13	2
Armadale SC	17	5	2	10	24	36	-12	1
Mandurah City	17	3	2	12	14	28	-14	1
Cockburn City	15	2	2	11	21	44	-23	1

Tuggeranong Takes Southside Derby Honours





Russ **Gibbs**

Tuggeranong United took the honours in the Southside derby match as they shocked Woden Valley with a resounding 3-1 win in front of a vociferous crowd at a freezing cold Kambah 2 on Sunday afternoon in Round 11 of the Rock Premier League.

United, who had twice been beaten 4-0 by their opponents earlier in the season, entered the match with little to show in terms of form and therefore were the underdogs heading into the clash. The form book however was thrown on its head as United stormed into their opposition from the kick-off and found themselves 2-0 ahead inside the opening twenty minutes. Danny Moutrey was the scorer of both goals taking advantage of some square Woden defending to twice race clean through on goal and showed

start to the afternoon. Tuggeranong proceeded to dominate the opening half as Woden struggled to come to terms with the fast-paced

his composure with a brace

of excellent finishes to give

the home support the ideal

home attack. United was unable to add to its lead though and entered the break with their cushion intact.

It was a different Woden team that appeared after the interval though as they launched onto the offensive in order to get back into the match. They reduced the gap in the 67th minute when Mouad Zwed showed his individual class, slaloming past a trio of Tuggeranong defenders to finish in style for his fourth goal of the season. The subsequent dismissal of home midfielder Stuart Lacey for two yellow cards had United hanging on. However, as Woden pushed they left themselves open to the counter-attack and it was from one such break that the result was sealed as Alex Weber hit his first goal of an injury-plagued campaign to seal a terrific 3-1 home win.

At Deakin Stadium Canberra FC returned to the top of the Rock Premier League with a 2-1 win over Canberra City. Having arrived from their two-week break in Croatia on Thursday afternoon it was little surprise that it took the home team a while to settle into their stride. Paul Ivanic showed his poacher's instinct to slot home from close range in the 41st minute to give Canberra FC the lead, a score line they held until half-time.

The lead was doubled in spectacular fashion in the



Izach Clements (Canberra FC) challenges for the ball with Brad Sawyer (Canberra City) Photo: NICK GUOTH

52nd minute when Adam Spaleta fired a 30 metre rocket into the back of the city net for a cracker of a goal. City forced their way back into the contest sixteen minutes from time when Nikola Taneski curled home a beautiful freekick over the wall and into the top left hand corner for a stunning strike. Despite

this, and some late pressure, City was unable to grab an equaliser and Canberra FC emerged on top of the pile once more.

A hat-trick from striker Mark Shields, taking his season total to sixteen, was the highlight of Monaro Panthers ultimately comfortable 5-0 win over Goulburn Strikers at the

Riverside Stadium. David Baillie had given the Panthers the lead before Shields' treble had the points secured. A late fifth, added by midfielder Dom Falla, was the icing on the cake for the home team who were faced with a stubborn Strikers side that is improving week on week.

ACT RESULTS

Canberra FC 2 (Paul Ivanic 41', Adam Spaleta 52') Canberra City 1 (Nikola

Tuggeranong United 3 (Danny Moutrey 9', 18', Alex Weber 89') Woden Valley 1 (Mouad Zwed 67')

Monaro Panthers 5 (David Baillie, Mark Shields (3), Dom Falla) Goulburn Strikers 0

Next Round

TUFC v Goulburn Strikers Kambah 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

Canberra Olympic v Cooma SC O'Connor Enclosed 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

Monaro v Canberra City Riverside Stadium 3:00 PM Sun 17/Jul

Belconnen United v Canberra FC McKellar Park 4:00 PM Sun 17/Ju

BYE v Woden Valley

ACT Standings

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Canberra FC	8	8	0	0	47	8	+39	24
Canberra Olympic	9	7	1	1	36	11	+25	22
Belconnen United	9	6	1	2	38	17	+21	19
Canberra City	10) 5	1	4	37	15	+22	16
Woden Valley	9	3	2	4	29	19	+10	11
Monaro Panthers	10	3	2	5	26	20	+6	11
Cooma Tigers	9	3	1	5	19	28	-9	10
Tuggeranong Utd	10)	2	2	6 1	5 2	5 -10	8 (
Goulburn Strikers	10) (0 () 1	0 3	106	-10	3 0

LEADING SCORERS

19 Dustin WELLS (Belconnen United)

16 Mark SHIELDS (Monaro Panthers)

12 Misko NAUMOSKI (Canberra City), Paul IVANIC (Canberra FC)

11 Victor YANES (Canberra FC)

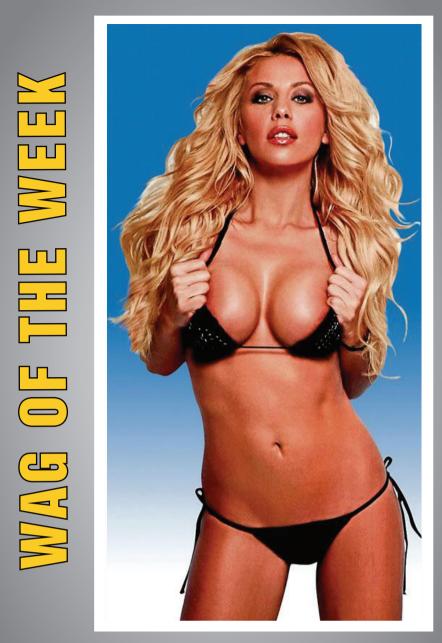
9 Domenic GIAMPAOLO (Canberra Olympic), Alex OLORIEGBE (Woden Valley)

8 Nikola TANESKI (Canberra City)









Gogo Mastrokosta Age: 32 Secred with Traianos Dellas (AEK Athens)

Couch Potato Dept.



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Copa América : Quarter-final 1 -Live from Estadio Mario Albert Kempes, Córdoba, Argentina Copa América: Quarter-final 2 -

11:00 AM Les Murray's Football Feature Women's World Cup- Highlights Semi-finals. 12:00 PM Futbol Mundial

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Monday July 11th
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it takes part in the Coca-Cola Cup soccer tournament.
09:00 PM Women's World Cup Highlights
09:30 PM The World Game

Sunday July 17th 09:00 PM Women's World Cup Highlights

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Tuesday 12-Jul

Copa America Group A Argentina v Costa Rica 10:40am

Wednesday 13-Jul
Copa America Group B Chile v Peru 8:10am LIVE
Copa America Group B Uruguay v Mexico 10:40am LIVE
J-League Round 4 Yokohama F Marinos v Montedio
Yamagata 8:00pm LIVE

Thursday 14-JulCopa America Group C Paraguay v Venezuela 8:10am **LIVE** Copa America Group C Brazil v Ecuador 10:40am LIVE

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Copa America Quarter-Final 1st Group A v Best 3rd Place 4:50am LIVE Copa America Quarter-Final 2nd Group A v 2nd Group C 8:05am LIVE

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Celtic take the honours over Glory

By Jacob Kagi in Perth

Scottish giants Celtic cruised to a 2-0 victory against A-League opponents Perth Glory in their friendly match at nib Stadium on Saturday. Last season's A-League strugglers were outclassed by the Scottish Cup winners, who won the second match of their Australian tour and bounced back from last week's shock loss to Central Coast thanks to goals from Gary Hooper and Charlie Mulgrew.

In front of a somewhat disappointing crowd of 15,350 - which is well below the stadium's 20,500 capacity and was even lower than the club's highest A-League attendance for the 2010-11 season - both sides defied the "friendly" nature of the match as they produced a fierce battle.

One incident in the first half left Celtic midfielder Beram Kayal with a broken nose, while rival captains Scott Brown and Jacob Burns engaged in a heated argument shortly after. Former Socceroos midfielder Burns also unleashed a fierce tackle on Brown late in the first half, which made several of the Celtic players irate.

Despite those incidents, Celtic coach Neil Lennon said he had no problems with the way the game was played.

"It was competitive. I don't think it was over physical and I think it was very reminiscent of a game back home really," he said.

"I was expecting that (the

match to be competitive) anyway. We've got no complaints about that, really it was just one of those unfortunate things."

With just two weeks until the Glasgow club begins its Scottish Premier League season with a fixture against Hibernian, Lennon employed a strong line-up, which featured the likes of Brown, Mark Wilson and Anthony Stokes.

They were up against a Glory side which featured several new faces, including star signings Danny Vukovic, Liam Miller, Shane Smeltz, Bas van den Brink and Adam Hughes as the club attempts to recover from last year's disastrous campaign.

Despite the new faces, it was many of the same problems which plagued Perth last year which also undid it against Celtic, with horrendous defensive mix-ups and a lack of pace and energy in wide areas the most notable.

It was a horrible blunder which allowed Celtic to take the lead after just 15 minutes. After a seemingly harmless long ball out of defence, van den Brink stopped because the person the pass was aimed at, Stokes, was offside, but Hooper wasn't and he took advantage of the former Gold Coast centre-back's horrible mistake to run in one-on-one with Vukovic and put it past the 'keeper.

"I said that to the boys, you concede goals like that and it's criminal. We need to learn from this," Glory coach Ian



Bhoys On Tour: Celtic have made it one win and one loss from two games so far. Get your bagpipes ready as they now face Melbourne Victory on Wednesday night at AAMI Park.

Ferguson said.

"A long ball, nobody attacks it, straight through and the boy scores a goal."

While Celtic controlled the majority of the first half, it was unable to create too many chances, but its domination prevented the Glory from threatening Lukasz Zaluska's goal as well.

Perth took off its most potent attacking weapons - Smeltz (because of a minor groin strain) and Miller - at half-time but there best chance of the match fell to Hughes shortly after the break. The midfielder intercepted the ball in a dangerous area but his fierce shot from beyond 20 yards was impressively saved.

Shortly after, several Glory defenders were caught ball-watching on a Celtic free-kick in a dangerous header and Mulgrew took advantage, getting a free header from eight yards out and putting it past a helpless Vukovic.

While the Hoops looked at ease through the rest of the match, they were unable to convert that into any more goals but their victory was never in doubt.

Despite the defensive blunders, Ferguson said he was content with the hit-out.

"We are still 12 weeks away from our season starting and Celtic are two to three weeks away from matches starting in their league, so you could see the difference in the fitness levels," he said.

"We were reasonably pleased with a lot of things but we still know we've got a hell of a lot to work on. For them to come here was a great experience for us."

Lennon said he was encour-

aged by the improvement his side showed from its performance against the Mariners. "I thought we played well. I felt with the week's preparation the players would be better for it and that proved to be the case," the Celtic coach said.

Celtic wraps up its Australian tour with its game against Melbourne Victory at AAMI Park on Wednesday.

Match Details

PERTH GLORY



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GLASGOW CELTIC



Perth Glory 0–2 Celtic (Half-

Saturday 9th July 2011 nib Stadium Attendance: 15,350 Referee: Peter Green

Perth Glory:

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1. Danny Vukovic, 2. Josh Mitchell, 3. Bas Van Den Brink, 7. Jacob Burns (25. Blamo Quaqua 85'), 8. Adam Hughes, 9. Shane Smeltz (22. Adam Taggart 46'), 10. Liam Miller (14. Steven Mcgarry 46'), 12. Scott Neville, 13. Travis Dodd (15. Tommy Amphlett 83'), 17. Todd Howarth, 21. Mile Sterjovski (26. Alex Caniglia 53').

Celtic:

24. Lukasz Zaluska, 12. Mark Wilson (11. Cha Du-Ri 46'), 17. Kelvin Wilson, 22.Glen Loovens, 21.Charlie Mulgrew, 8.Scott Brown (2. Adam Matthews 83'), 33.Bayram Kayal (13. Shaun Maloney 33'), 16. Joe Ledley, 15. Kris Commons (18. Ki Sung Yung 46'), 10. Anthony Stokes (27. Daryl Murphy 72'), 88. Gary Hooper (20. Paddy Mccourt 64').



nib Stadium is a sea of green and white. Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN DEL CASTILLO



Glory prepare to take a free-kick against Celtic Photo: EDUARDO MORGAN DEL CASTILLO





The Matildas have been flying the flag high in



Emily van Egmond scores against Equatorial Guinea.



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Lisa De Vanna hits the spot against Equatorial Guinea.



The stakes are high as the Matildas and Norway prepare to do battle.



Melissa Barbieri punches clear against Equatorial Guinea.



All for one and one for all.



Golden Girl! Kyah Simon is the toast of the town after her brace knocks out former World Cup champs Norway, in a winner takes all group stage showdown.



Lisa De Vanna was in fine form against Norway and pivotal to many attacks.



Action from the Matildas 3-1 win over Equatorial Guinea.



Kyah Simon levels the scores against Norway almost immediately after falling behind thanks to some great lead up work by Lisa De Vanna.



You bloody beauty bonza, Bluey mate!

World Cup quarter finals in Germany following their come from behind 2-1 win over Norway in Leverkusen.

Two second half goals from player of the match Kyah Simon sealed the win for the Aussies who will now go on to face Sweden in the quarter finals of the FIFA Women's World Cup on Sunday, 10 July in Augsburg.

The two teams exchanged goals early in the second half before Simon settled the issue three minutes from time to set up a meeting with world number one USA in Augsburg. Australia met Norway in the group stage at China 2007 and on that occasion produced a 1-1 draw, helping the Europeans win the group ahead of the Matildas. This time around Australia went into the contest needing just a draw to progress on

goal difference ahead of Norway.

Australia had the better of the early exchanges but it was Norway that came closest to grabbing the first goal on the quarter hour mark when Cecilie Pedersen latched onto a loose ball and only a smart one-handed parry over the crossbar denied the Norwegian No10. Midway through the opening half Norway goalkeeper Ingrid

Hjelmseth appeared to injure her ankle in challenging for a high ball, with the experienced 31-year-old only able to continue after lengthy treatment. Elise Thorsnes provided the star turn of the first half by

forcing Barbieri into three saves in quick succession, with the Aussie custodian stretched on each occasion. Australia had to wait until five prior to the interval before

they conjured a dangerous strike on target. The always lively Lisa De Vanna found some space and hit a strong effort from outside the penalty area into the arms of a well positioned Norway made two half-time substitutions with Hjelmseth suc-

cumbing to her injury to be replaced by Erika Skarbo, while Emilie Haavi, goalscorer in the opener against Equatorial Guinea, also made way. Norway made the breakthrough on 56 minutes as Thorsnes

took advantage of hesitation between defence and goalkeeper to slot into an empty net. However the Westfield Matildas responded immediately as

De Vanna picked the pocket of a defender near the corner, before pulling the ball back perfectly for Simon to side-foot the The exchange of goals opened up the match considerably,

and the same two players combined once more for Australia on 70 minutes with De Vanna again the provider for Simon, but the Aussie striker dragged her shot just wide with only the Norway were inches away from finding a winner and with it,

passage to the quarter-finals, as Trine Ronning hit a superb free-kick only to be denied by the crossbar. But Australia were not to be disappointed and scored the win-

ner three minutes from time with Simon producing a perfect header from Kim Carroll's cross.

The result was Australia's first win against the 1995 world champions across their five meetings and was doubly disastrous for Norway who not only miss the quarter-finals for the first time, but are now out of the running for the 2012 Olympic Football Tournament in London.

Australia were set to play Sweden overnight in their FIFA Women's World Cup Quarter Final.

FIFA Women's World Cup - Group D Australia 2 (Kyah SIMON 57'/87') Norway 1 (Elise THORSNES 56') 6 July 2011

Bay Arena, Leverkusen

Local kick-off: 6.00pm (30 June, 2011 - 2.00am AEST / 1.30am ACST / 12.00am AWST) Referee: Estela ALVAREZ (ARG)

Assistant referees: Maria ROCCO (ARG); Yoly GARCIA

Fourth official: Silvia REYES (PER)

Australia starting line-up: 1.Melissa BARBIERI (gk) (c), 3.Kim CARROLL, 4.Clare POLKINGHORNE, 7.Heather GARRIOCK, 8.Elise KELLOND-KNIGHT, 9.Caitlin FOORD (6.Ellyse PERRY 89'), 10.Servet UZUNLAR, 11.Lisa DE VANNA, 14. Collette McCALLUM, 17. Kyah SIMON, 20. Sam KERR (5.Laura ALLEWAY 80')

Substitutes not used: 18.Lydia WILLIAMS (gk), 2.Teigen ALLEN, 16.Lauren COLTHORPE, 19.Leena KHAMIS, 21.Casey DUMONT (gk), 12.Emily van EGMOND, 15.Sally SHIPARD, 13.Tameka BUTT

Yellow cards: Kim CARROLL, Heather GARRIOCK



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By Robert Di Fabio

The showcase of women's football has ultimately arrived. The 2011 Women's World Cup, hosted by football powerhouse Germany is the showpiece of the female game. Regardless of gender, the World Cup is the definitive prize for any football supporter. It is the one event which eclipses any continental tournament, despite its glamour or prestige. This year's German edition is the fifth World Cup competition held for the female game. The inaugural tournament was held in 1991 in China, where the USA the original 'Queens of Football' by triumphing 2-1 over

Since then, the Women's game has grown to exceptional measures both abroad and notably in Australia. The opening game of this year's World Cup witnessed host, Germany attain an unprecedented 73,680 spectators in their 2-1 victory against Canada. Regardless of the merit attained by being the host nation, boasting a crowd of that calibre is an exceptional feat. Evidently, the women's game is mounting in leaps and bounds.

Surfacing the Australian environment, media coverage for this year's World Cup spectacle has been at an unparalleled all time high. The Matildas brand is escalating into a household name. Nowadays, the Australian sporting fraternity recognise the name and talents it endorses. In the past, many people didn't have a clue who the Matildas were or payed little to no respect due to their female status. However, times have changed as the Matildas are currently seen as one of the leading lights in representative Australian sporting teams.

In relation to this year's World Cup, the Australian outfit has been at the forefront of a diverse number of media outlets. As expected, SBS has been at the forefront, covering the Women's World Cup and showcasing expert opinions and highlights from the tournament itself. Although, it's the other media coverage which has grabbed the attention from the average sports punter. Commonly, in the mainstream media market, the Matildas have been apparent. From headlines within the conventional print media outlets, to discussions via radio programmes, the Matildas are attaining an exertion of media attention unseen before.

When we examine the more niche

been a highlight in recent times. In a first for women's football, the Matildas featured on the cover of national football magazine FourFourTwo for the first time in 17 years leading up to this year's World Cup. This feat illustrates the immense growth and development within the female code in Australia. It may not seem like a colossal achievement at first glance, however when we examine further, it's an extraordinary accomplishment for a game making solid in-roads reminiscent of their male counter-parts, the Socceroos in their World Cup exploits in Germany 2006.

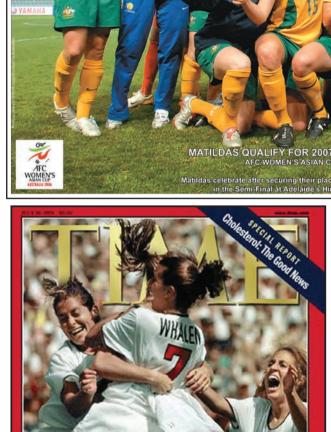
The Matildas reputation as a successful, thriving brand inside media circles has been facilitated by their tremendous success of late. Their triumph at the 2010 Women's Asian Cup was a memorable accomplishment for numerous reasons. The manner the Matildas triumphed under monsoonal conditions against North Korea in the Final was outstanding. Illustrating fortitude, courage and an abundance of talent was the auditorium for a typical Australian mind-set. In addition, it was the first major piece of silverware won by any Australian football outfit. An achievement certainly worthy of its recognition.

The girls seemingly love the media attention and utilize it to help the women's game prosper and develop the brand. When asking Matildas coach Tom Sermanni if his players felt at all overwhelmed by the growing media attention towards the women's game both nationally and abroad, he held the deliberation that the girls used it (media) as a sense of diversion from their on pitch requirements and to further enhance their abilities as profes-

"Players enjoy interaction with the media and take it in their stride. They deal very well with distraction", Sermanni said in reference to the Matildas' media exploits during the World Cup.

Amid the growing trend in social media, the Matildas camp has seized to take advantage of this marketing initiative by regularly interacting with fans. Updating the public on the latest team news, thoughts and emotions are all common occurrences during the World Cup campaign. It's a fantastic enterprise by the girls and staff while further enhances their growing sociability towards the public.

Matildas' captain Melissa Barbieri has interacted with fans via the social medium Twitter. Amid



Vhat a Kick

ing the Women's World Cup being vast, Barbieri was asked if it (media) has developed substantially since the previous World Cup in 2007. Barbieri felt that the media attention has riffled, with social media playing and enormous role, along with the incredible marketing campaign in Germany.

"Its really boomed, social media alone has helped with a fan base, Germany have done an excellent job in coverage and advertising", the escalating media surround- Matildas captain Barbieri said.

As evidenced, social media is an innovative yet simple way to communicate, engage and build a reputable brand. The Matildas have remonstrated this in a fantastic manner and continue to become humble servants to the Australian and worldwide pub-

Women's football will never reach the lofty heights of their men's counter-parts, nor are they

categorically a wealth of potential for the women's game here and abroad. As verified closer to home, the Australian game has been rejuvenated, with the introduction of the innovative W-League in 2008 and televised fixtures via the ABC network. In many respects, the Matildas' brand can be seen in a similar vein to Australian representatives- in the Diamonds (Netball) and Opals (Basketball) - amid growing domestic leagues and expected to; however there is respectable performances on the

Dandenong Journal in the early 80s.

Conversely, the Matildas boast a healthy advantage; football is the largest code on the planet, grasps the biggest worldwide events and audience ratings. With continued success on the pitch and through the various media trends, the Matildas will soon become the face of women's sport.

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Women's football has certainly come a long way in recent times. No doubt bigger and better things await for the women's game. 1. The USA make the cover of TIME after winning the Wolrd Cup.

2. The Matildas get a spread in GW back in 2006. 3. Theresa Jones flies through the air and onto the front page of the

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MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER: Altona City against Moreland, State League 3

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YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S VPL Heidelberg Utd or Hume City



Tassie brings out the Devil in the Doc

By Walter Pless

Dr lan Syson is a lecturer in professional writing and literary studies at Victoria University in Melbourne.

A historian, lan also loves soccer and writes about the history of the game.

He tries to visit Tasmania at least once a year and was here last month and caught a few local Premier League games.

I interviewed Dr Syson this

Walter Pless: How long have you been involved in football?

Ian Syson: I first played when I was 9, in 1969, for the Fairy Meadow U10 team attached to the immigrant hostel just north of Wollongong city. I played through my teens in Mount Isa (North West Queensland) but gave it away after I started smoking and drinking! I've been a watcher and spectator ever since. When my sons came of playing age I started to take more interest in the game at the local level but I've always followed the game on the larger

I'm a member of South Melbourne and I have been since the beginning of the A league. I used to go to South during the

More recently, I've become interested in the history of the game, both locally and globally. I'm researching the cultural history of soccer in Australia.

WP: What sparked your interest?

IS: In writing about the game? I realised that most of the sports histories written in Australia were written with blinkers on, blinkers that simply excluded soccer. The game has been a significant part of this country's sporting history yet is given only marginal status. The historical research about the game is still in its infancy, despite the excellent work of people like Roy Hay and Bill Murray.

WP: What area are you particularly interested in?

IS: The secret stories that haven't seen the light of day. I talked to (Socceroo) Ted Smith and Scottish professional Hugh Murney and they both told me about an exhibition game in 1964 between Slavia and a bunch of VFL footy players, where the footy players got a



Inset: Dr Ian Syson (right) at South Hobart. Adam Muyt (left), who has written a history of the Fitzroy AFL club, points out Syson's South Melbourne scarf. Main photo: A scene from South Hobart's historic centenary match against Glenorchy Knights last year. Photo: WALTER PLESS

reality check. It's a fascinating story and so few people knew about it. I published the story and called it 'The Game that Never Happened.' I'm also interested in the role that soccer players had in the two world wars and why, when we think about sport and the armed forces, the massive contribution of soccer and soccer players is virtually ignored.

WP: You make frequent visits to Tasmania. Why?

IS: I love it here and wish we'd moved here years ago. My wife is a Tasmanian and we were married in Sandy Bay. We come at least once a year to see fam-

WP: You always attend games when you are in Tasmania. What attracts you to local football?

IS: I haven't seen as many as you suggest. But, there's something about South Hobart and the Darcy St ground that is possibly unique in Australia, a soccer club with its own ground that is undeniably its own. There is

belonging that I don't get anywhere else. The club fought the battle against the local xenophobes in the 1920s and it's been unquestionably South's ever since.

I also like the way the game is played here -- though I wonder about South Hobart's present dominance and whether it's good for the game in the long term. I also wonder about the physically big, strong players. Where are they? Playing footy? The South team is very good, but their forwards were out-muscled by the Beachside centre-backs when I saw them recently. It'll be interesting to see how South goes in the FFA Cup next year.

What doesn't attract me is NIGHT GAMES! You don't need them here!

Oh. And Taroona's ground. Is there a more picturesque ground in Australia?

WP: Are you researching any particular aspect of football at the moment?

IS: I'm trying to work out just what was going on football-

1870s. It's a little known fact that the first recorded game of soccer in Australia was between the Hobart Cricketers and New Town in May 1879. It's also little-known that Australian rules (or Victorian rules as it was known) wasn't installed as the main code of football in Hobart until later that year. Yet, there were 20 years of organised football before then. What were they playing?

WP: I believe you are planning to write a book about Australian football?

IS: Yes. But, it's a long way off. Every day I learn just how much more I don't know. I have already written a brief history of the game in Victoria (with Roy Hay) and we will probably do an expanded version of that. We also have a chapter coming out soon about women's soccer.

WP: I believe you run a website? Tell me about it and why you call it the name you do.

IS: Das Libero is a web site I set up a few years back. It's a bit published on the web about the football codes and have sections on crowd violence and soccerphobia, where we document reported crowd trouble across the codes and examples of media bias against soccer. I honestly believe that crowd violence and abuse is a greater problem at the footy or cricket than it is at the

We get a bit of flak for it -

mainly from soccer fans who don't like the idea of AFL or rugby league being criticised so thoroughly. One clown recently called the site 'persecution complex central'! We publish a feral footy hater called Matty Lamington who stirs things up a bit. We also have a page devoted to that soccer-hating twit in Launceston who never misses an opportunity to have a go at the game.

Das Libero is a bastard German name that tries to convey an idea of freedom combined with a sense of the political. It's just a bit of fun, but I think it's catchy as well. But, I need to do a bit of work on the site as it's looking jaded at the moment.

WP: You're a Sunderland supporter? Why?

IS: I was born in a pit village near Sunderland. My dad's a Sunderland fan and I caught the bug from him. We won the FA cup when I was 13 (and it was still a big deal) and that was that. I've given the bug to my kids, who now hate me for it! They keep threatening to go to Chelsea but they won't.

WP: Do you see a bright future for Australian foot-

IS: Yes and no. The game is too good to die and we will keep producing excellent players. Globally, the game is too strong to allow it to fizzle out in any part of the world. But, we are not entrenched and I can't see the game becoming dominant in my lifetime. We need to accept our position as a large but minor professional sport before we can move on. We need to organise the game more ethically as well. And we have to make the game more accessible for kids who are dying to play the game but can't afford to.

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Comets take honours and top spot from Sandy

By Dalton Woods

Round 14 in the Women's Premier League was a fairly standard one, with expected results across the board, bar an upset victory for the Casey Comets against the usually dominant Sandringham side. The other victors of the round were South Melbourne, Bundoora, Heidelberg and Ashburton.

The round was opened with the first of two Casey Comets victories. Despite scoring the first goal of the game, courtesy of Kate Leder, the Emerging Athlete Program were unable to contain the Comets for the full 90 minutes, who scored in the 53rd and 73rd minutes.

On Friday night at Wembley Park, Box Hill there was yet another comeback victory, this time for South Melbourne. South Melbourne opened the scoring in the 18th minute, but were behind at half time due to goals from Jessica Humble and Ruby Footitt. However, in the second half, South Melbourne were able to score two goals in six minutes, allowing them the three points. With these two teams being on equal points, the 3-2 win was especially valuable for South Melbourne, who have secured their spot in the top three for the time being.

In an unsurprising result, Bundoora United defeated the fledgling VCL Country side, who still reside at the bottom of the table. The score line was 2-1, with all three goals of the match being scored in the second half. Bundoora may have trouble stringing wins together, as they face the in form South Melbourne side next round.

Meanwhile, the heretofore out of form Heidelberg outfit has registered their first win since round 9 against the struggling Doncaster. This time, however, they faced a more competitive opponent in Altona City, who currently sit at the eighth spot on the ladder. Heidelberg attained the lead with a late goal. The next match was decidedly the most anticipated of the round, with first placed Sandringham facing off against second placed Casey. Casey led by a goal at the break, and despite conceding a goal in the second half, were able to maintain the lead. It proved to be a very lucrative round for Casey, recording two wins, which put them on equal points with Sandringham.

The round was concluded with a dominant display by Ashburton over Doncaster, who are second last on the ladder. Ashburton were able to pile on four unanswered goals against the dismal Doncaster side. This significant margin should give Ashburton some impetus going into their next game against the imposing Casey Comets.

Round 15 of the WPL is set for some exciting and evenly matched encounters, specifically the showdown between the 9th and 10th placed EAP and Doncaster Rovers.



Comets defender Elsie Hibbert tackles Christie Parton (Sandringham) who is trying to tee the ball up for a shot at goal. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON



Jacqui Vogt (Sandringham) gets the ball past Comets defenders Rebecca Sherry (#) and Sam Axtman (4). Photo: JOHN PUNSHON





WPL RESULTS

Box Hill United 2 South Melbourne Womens FC 3

VCL Country 1 Bundoora Utd 2

Heidelberg Utd 1 Altona City 0

Casey Comets 2 Sandringham SC 1,

Ashburton 4
Doncaster Rovers 0

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Heidelberg Utd 1 Altona City 0,

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Ashburton 3 Doncaster Rovers 0

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South Melb	15	9	3	3	42	14	30
Sandringham	15	9	2	4	30	12	29
Box Hill United	16	8	3	5	32	27	27
Heidelberg Utd	15	8	2	5	23	24	26
Bundoora Utd	16	6	5	5	24	19	23
Ashburton	16	7	2	7	27	25	23
Altona City	15	6	2	7	19	25	20
Emerging Ath	14	4	2	8	30	40	14
Doncaster R	15	2	1	12	12	40	7
VCL Country	15	3	0	12	12	41	6

WPL Next Round

South Melbourne v Bundoora Utd Paisley Park Sat 16 Jul KO 7:30PM

VCL Country v Box Hill United Epsom Huntly Recreational Res Sun 17 Jul KO 3:00PM

Casey Comets v Ashburton Comets Stadium Sun 17 Jul KO 3:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Doncaster Rovers Olympic Village Mon 18 Jul KO 8:30PM

Sandringham SC v Altona City Kingston Heath Mon 18 Jul KO 8:30PM

Heidelberg Utd v Emerging Athlete DISC Wed 20 Jul KO 7:30PM

WPL RESERVES LADDER

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Box Hill United	13	12	1	0	50	9	37
South Melb	12	8	3	- 1	40	14	27
Sandringham	11	6	1	4	19	8	19
Casey Comets	13	5	2	6	27	24	17
Ashburton	12	5	0	7	24	25	15
Bundoora Utd	12	4	3	5	13	15	15
Heidelberg Utd	12	3	3	6	17	32	12
Altona City	12	2	3	7	9	27	9
Doncaster R	13	1	2	10	9	54	5
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VCL Country	0				0	0	0

Results & Ladders Victorian State & Provisional Leagues - Round 13

STATE NORTH WEST 2 Reserves Seniors

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FC Clifton Hill

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Westgate

Altona City

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Ballarat Red Devils

Altona East Phoenix

Whittlesea Ranges FC

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Geelong

STATE NORTH WEST 3

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

FC Strathmore 1 Sporting Whittlesea FC 2, Laverton Park 1 Westvale 1, Northern Falcons 0 Corio 5, South Yarra 3 North City Lions 1 (M Coppola), Essendon Utd 2 North Sunshine Eagles 3, Surf Coast 1 Western Eagles 0

FC Strathmore 3 Sporting Whittlesea FC 7, Laverton Park 3 Westvale 4, Northern Falcons 0 Corio 2, South Yarra 4 North City Lions 3, Essendon Utd 2 North Sun-shine Eagles 3, Surf Coast 3 Western Eagles 1

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East Bentleigh	13	1	5	7	20	42	8
Noble Park	13	1	2	10	17	48	5



State & Provi **Round 14 Fixtures**

All matches to be played on Saturday 16th July with 3pm KO unless otherwise stated

State NW 2 Whittlesea Ranges FC v Altona East Phoenix Partridge Reserve
Brunswick City v Geelong Dunstan Resen

FC Clifton Hill v Ballarat Red Devils Kevin Bartlett Reserve Moreland City v Banyule City Campbell Reserve Werribee City v Altona City Galvin Park Reserve Westgate v Williamstown Ardeer Reserve Sun 16 KO 7:00PM

Eastern Lions v Noble Park Utd

State SE 2

Gardiners Creek Res Dandenong City v Knox City Frank Holohan Soccer Res Diamond Valley Utd v Doncaster Rovers Partington Flats Heatherton Utd v Casev Comets Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre Malvern City v Morwell Pegasus Kooyong Reserve No. 3 Box Hill United v South Springvale Wembley Park Sat 16 KO 7:00PM

Geelong Rangers v Sydenham Park Myers Reserve La Trobe University y Cairnlea atrobe Uni Lower Playing Field Maribyrnong Greens v Avondale Heights Skinner Reserve Sunbury Utd v Keilor Park Langama Park Yarraville Glory v Whittlesea Utd McIvor Reserve Melbourne University v Hume Utd Princes Park Oval #1

State SE 3 Croydon City Arrows v Mornington Dorset Recreational Res Fri 15 KO 8:30PM Doveton v Kingston City Waratah Reserve Waverley Wanderers v Fitzroy City Carlson Avenue Res Nunawading City FC v Berwick City Mahoneys Road Reserve Old Scotch v Frankston Pines Scotch College
Peninsula Strikers v North Caulfield

Centenary Park Sun 17 KO 3:00PM

Provi NW 1 Corio v FC Strathmore Hume Reserve, Geelona North City Lions v Northern Falcons Wallace Reserve North Sunshine Eagles v Sporting Whittlesea Western Eagles v Laverton Park Polish Sports & Recreational Res Westvale v South Yarra McKechnie Reserve Essendon Utd v Surf Coast

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Northern Roosters v Melbourne City Gibb Reserve

Epping City v Moreland Utd Duffy Street Reserve

Riversdale v Ashburton United Frog Hollow Reserve Boroondara Eagles v Monbulk Old Carey v Endeavour Utd Carey Sports Complex
Seaford Utd v Casey Kings North Seaford Reserve Princes Park Oval #2 Bayside Argonauts v Keysborough Shipston Reserve

Balmoral FC v Brimbank Stallions Arthur Beachley Res
Darebin Utd v Heidelberg Stars Maver Park Essendon Royals v Meadow Park Eagles Youth Utd v Watsonia Heights Seth Raistrick Res Moreland Wolves v Melton Phoenix FC Brunswick Zebras v Mill Park

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Second half of the season begins in earnest

By Paul Mavroudis

In State League 2 North-West, Moreland City bounced back from its loss against Altona East to remain in top spot, by crushing Geelong 6-0, while Whittlesea Ranges are two points behind after they overcame Westgate 3-1 at Partridge Reserve. Just three points separate first from sixth, with several sides having games in hand. At the bottom end of the division, Altona City continued its mid-season revival, winning its second game in a row, and third of their last four, after disposing of Williamstown 3-1 at home to lift themselves out of the relegation zone.

Malvern City closed the gap on **State League 2 South-East** leader Dandenong City to four points, after they beat fourth placed Easter Lions and third placed Casey held Dandenong to a 1-1 draw. A Shane Tagliaferro double saw Morwell Pegasus win 3-1 away to bottom placed Knox, while Doncaster Rovers beat Heatherton United 3-0, to move out of the relegation zone and see the vanquished side replace them in second last.

Undefeated Keilor Park maintained their stranglehold on **State League 3 North-West**, despite a scoreless draw with Melbourne University. Cairnlea moved into second place after humiliating last placed Geelong Rangers 8-1, with Adem Alicevic bagging a hattrick. Cairnlea and thric bagging a hattrick. Cairnlea and their placed Avondale Heights trail Keilor Park by eight points. In the relegation battle, Sunbury came from 2-1 down at halftime to defeat the Maribyrnong Greens 3-2, to put five points itself and the 11th placed Greens.

Waverley Wanderers made it four wins on the trot in **State League 3 South- East**, after knocking off former ladder leader Kingston City 1-0. Kingston's loss was Mornington's gain, when they beat fellow promotion aspirant Old Scotch 3-1 to overtake Kingston and claim first place in their own right. At Monterey Reserve, Frankston Pines' season of woe continued, losing 2-0 to Nunawading City, while Peninsula Strikers overcame a 2-0 halftime deficit by putting



Doveton's goal keeper, Daniel Stuchbury, was a star stopping many goals that Caulfield launched at him. Here he thwarts Ari Ritz

four past Berwick City in the second half to win 4-2.

Sporting Whittlesea retain top spot for another week in **Provisional League 1 North-West**, after they defeated FC Strathmore 2-1, but Corio are keeping up the pressure after belting Northern Falcons 5-0. South Yarra and North Sunshine Eagles are also in promotion contention, after both won on the weekend (against North City Lions and Essendon United), and Western Eagles fell to Surf Coast 1-0, to remain in relegation zone.

In Provisional League 1 South-East, Springvale City and Beaumaris appear to have a lock on the promotion spots. after both sides had wins, City 2-0 over Old Camberwell and Beaumauris 4-0 over the relegation threatened Skve United, with former South Melbourne championship player Bruce McLaren making an appearance in goal for the winners. Mooroolbark crushed last placed Lyndale 7-1, to put distance between themselves and the teams fighting against relegation. For the Barkers, Adam Doughty scored a first half hattrick, while Douglas Shielsd and Brechan Adams scored doubles.

Moreland United moved to within two points of **Provisional League 2 North-West** leader West Preston, after mauling Laverton Park 9-2. West Preston drew 1-1 with Plenty Valley Lions, while Lalor United also drew 1-1 with Bell Park. Epping City also notched up a big win after thrashing Melbourne Tornado 5-1. With nine rounds to play, the title, promotion and relegation races are still wide open in this division.

Monbulk remain in first place in **Provisional League 2 South-East**, after overcoming midtable Seaford United 3-1 at home on Friday night. Two points behind them are Old Carey, who won 3-1 at home to Casey Kings, who fell into the relegation zone after University of Melbourne beat Keysborough 1-0. Caulfield Cobras eased away from the relegation battle and into the relative safety of midtable after defeating bottom placed Boroondara Eagles 2-0.

The top two sides in **Provisional League 3 North-West** both won in emphatic fashion to keep ahead of the chasing pack. Second placed Brunswick Zebras thumped Balmoral 6-0, but not to be outdone ladder leader Heidelberg Stars annihilated Youth United 11-0. Mill Park fell away badly in the second half against Watsonia Heights – after trailing just 2-1, Mill Park ended up losing 6-2. Mill Park are now by themselves on the bottom of the table after Melton

Phoenix managed draw 1-1 with Darebin United.

Provisional League 3 South-East leader Collingwood City thrashed Eltham Redbacks 8-0, second place Middle Park beat Noble Park 9-0, both moving away from third placed Whitehorse United who slipped up, after losing 3-1 to Old Brighton. East Bentleigh remain rooted to the bottom of the ladder with a solitary point, after going another week without a win, this time going down 3-1 to Rowville Eagles.

And finally, in the Metro North-West, Oak Park are still on top despite drawing 1-1 with last placed Northern United, though several teams behind Oak Park have games in hand; Aston Athletic beat Parkmore 4-1 to remain top in Metro South-East, but Glen Waverley and the Harrisfield Huirricanes are still just one and two points behind respectively; while high scoring games were the order of the day in the Metro Central with Altona North still on top after beating Carlton Youth 5-4, Albert Park close behind in second after beating Melbourne Lions 4-2 and the North Lions are in third after their 4-3 win over Moonee Valley Knights.



High flying header by Doveton's Johnathon Ash.



North Caulfield celebrate after Amgad Marieh takes the free kick to score the only goal of the game.



Laurence Miller and Nicholas Marie tussle in the middle of the park and give nothing away.

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Zebras and Stars drop points as Port bounce back



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Southern Stars held at home
Championship contenders Southern
Stars came into the game flying high
from their victory against league
leaders Port Melbourne.

The Stars have a game in hand and were two points shy of top spot. Sunshine were just as hungry hoping to steal points which would have given the Georgies some hope in the promotion battle.

Last time these two meet it was the Stars who drastically came back from 2-0 down to beat Georgies 3-2. Stars started with a new 4-3-3 formation going all out attack for the first 30 minutes. Other then a 10th minute opportunity that hit the crossbar by Georgies Eddie Soares the first 30 minutes was all one-way traffic with Stars looking to land the opening goal. The first goal came in stunning fashion as a well orchestrated move by Stars fell to the feet of Alan Mulcahy who struck from 25 metres out and that left Sunshine keeper Marijo Roza in no mans land, wonderful goal to put Stars in front. Stars were able to double the lead within 4 minutes as a Colin Quirke shot was parried by the Roza and followed up by Joey Di Iorio on a cute angle.

At this stage it looked like Stars would run riot and score a bag full more. Following the kick off from the Stars goal Georgies had immediately struck back as Fiachra Mcardle took on the Stars defence to bring Georgies right back into the game. Stars went into the break disappointed to be only 2-1 up after completely dominating the first half. After the break, the game was relatively even other then intelligent loop by Stars leading scorer Chris Greechan saw Sunshine keeper Rosa caught off his line too only just tip the ball over the bar.

60 minutes in the game another drastic twist would see Stars Alan Kearney given his marching orders for a second yellow. As a result of the dismissal Sunshine enjoyed a busy period, on 75th minute Georgies substitute Daryl Warren struck wonderfully from 20 metres out to find the back of the net and shell shock the Stars.

In the time that remained it looked like Sunshine were going to steal another goal and steal an unbelievable win. It was not to be, 2-2 in a action packed game. However Sunshine will take heart from retrieving a situation which looked hopeless and Southern Stars will be scratching their heads as to how on earth this one slipped through their fingers.

When asked by Goal! Weekly about his team's performance after the game Stars Manager Dean Hennessey said "really pleased with the brilliant performance from the lads just a little disappointed about the result".

Altona crush Zebras to again upset top side

Altona came into this game full of confidence and eager to continue on from last weeks win over Fawkner.

The Zebras were coming off a very solid victory over the Lions, just as keen to continue the three way dance on the top end of the table. The game started and continued in a relatively reserved fashion for a good part of 25 minutes

The first goal came in the 27th minute much to the delight of home fans as George Papadopoulos whipped in a cross to new boy Milos Lujic who out classed his opponent to head home. As some half chances fell to both teams Altona went into the break well on top. 55 minutes in, it was again new boy Milos Lujic amongst the action as he was fouled by Whittlesea's Stuart Nicolson just outside the box near the touchline. A Benjiman Vahid cross yet again found a Altona head, this time Captain Koce Delev headed home 2-0



Stars striker, Joey Di Iorio uses his tricks to get around Sunshine keeper, Ante Loncaric. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Sunshine's Fiachra McArdle finds something to yell about as Berkan Sakaci (South Stars) tries a shot at goal. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

Magic.

Altona kept coming and their defence were running a steady ship as the frustrated Zebras could not break through. 68 minutes in another new boy was on target, Benjiman Valid pencilled his name to the scoresheet from 30 yards out and sent the home fans totally wild. The shot will be a goal of the season contender it had curl, power, swirl you name it.

The home fans were again in full

voice when Doug Mladenovic was substituted on coming back from a 7 week calf injury. As the final whistle blew the home fans ran straight to the dug out and were in full voice. After the game Altona officials were again full of confidence stating they dont fear anyone in State League 1 and with their squad could surprise everyone by going straight to the top. The Zebras travel to Langwarrin next week having dropped crucial points much to the delight of Port and the Stars.

Port bounce back against young Warriors

After a disappointing loss to Southern Stars last week league leaders Port Melbourne travelled to North Geelong hungry for three points against the young North Geelong who were keen to move away from

the wrong end of the table.

The trip to North Geelong is always an interesting one getting out over the Westgate Bridge at peak hour alone ensures the anxiety levels are heightened irrespective of a trip to Elcho Park. For 60 minutes there was only one team in it and Port dominated proceedings taking a three goal lead and leading 2-0 at the half time break. The first goal came in a somewhat controversial manner in what North Geelong Manager Ante Skoko described as "one of the most bizarre decisions I have seen in my entire career as coach, spectator and official".

The goal would haunt North as their keeper let a tame free kick by Niclas Ronne slip just under his hands into the back of the net. Two further goals by Nick Kalambokis and you thought it would have been all over. North got one back from a beautifully taken free kick by Captain Mijo Truekovic which had the Port keeper looking at his wall wondering why on earth they hadn't jumped, as the ball curled over them and into the back of the net. Cue a frenetic 30 minutes when what Port needed was someone who would boss the midfield and slow the game down from the youthful and attacking War-

Balls were going astray and needless

turnovers and free kicks were conceded in dangerous areas. The Port defence were literally engaged in a 'backs to the wall' rearguard action yet for all their hard work and resolve they saw the ball coming back at them with increased intensity due to sloppy turnovers in the midfield. The final whistle could come not a moment too soon and Port left with the 3 points and a sigh of relief at having their season back on track.

Westerners take crucial points against Langwarrin As the second half of the session is

in full swing both teams were eager to take all three points to move out of the wrong end of the table.

The first half bought a couple of good chances for both teams as Langwarrin keeper Michael Sivulja was in top form for the second week running. It was all square in a even first half as both teams squandered numerous chances to go up front. After the break it was Western Suburbs who took the lead from as a Amandiu strike that found the back of the net. Disappointment for the home fans who would have thought they were pretty unluckily to go down. The game was very evenly balanced and Langwarrin keeper Michael Sivulja was continu-

ing to produce some brilliant saves.

The game would stay 1-0 to the Westerners in an evenly fought contest. Speaking to Goal! Weekly after the match a frustrated Langwarrin Manager Gus McLeod spoke of his disappointment "really disappointed in dropping points in an even contest, we will travel to a tricky Fawkner next week and hope to take some points". Langwarrin with all to play for against Fawkner next week and Western Suburbs happy to take points as they host Greek rivals and league leaders Port Melbourne next week.

Pascoe Vale Vanis For Six!

Preston Lions were keen to salvage the rest of the current season under the strict guidance of newly appointed former Melbourne Knights and Cairnlea FC manager Vlado Vanis.

The fairytale would mean nothing for Pascoe Vale as they absolutely ran riot to humiliate Preston in front of their loyal home fans. Pascoe Vale took full control of this game with all team oriented goals. Pascoe Vale winger Liam Flynn registered a hat-trick as Vale brought Preston back down to earth with a resounding win at BT Connor Reserve. Although the match began to resemble a training session for Pas-

SL1 RESULT

North Geelong Warriors 1 (M Trupkovic)
Port Melbourne 3

Altona Magic 3 Whittlesea Zebras 0

Southern Stars 2 Sunshine George Cross 2,

Langwarrin 0 Western Suburbs 1

Preston Lions 0 Pascoe Vale 6

North Geelong Warriors 3
Port Melbourne 2

Altona Magic 1 Whittlesea Zebras 0

Southern Stars 0 Sunshine George Cross 3,

Langwarrin 0 Western Suburbs 3,

Preston Lions 0 Pascoe Vale 1

SL1 LADDER PWDLF

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Port Melbourne	13	9	3	- 1	23	11	30
Whittlesea Z	13	8	2	3	21	12	26
Southern Stars	12	8	2	2	21	13	26
Pascoe Vale	13	6	0	7	25	15	18
Fawkner Blues	12	6	0	6	16	10	18
Altona Magic	13	6	2	5	18	16	17
Sun George X	13	4	4	5	17	19	16
Bulleen Lions	12	4	2	6	9	11	14
Western Subs	13	4	2	7	13	21	14
North Geelong	13	4	- 1	8	11	21	13
Langwarrin	12	3	3	5	15	21	12
Preston Lions	13	3	1	9	16	35	10

SL1 Next Round

North Geelong v Sun George Cross Elcho Park Fri 15 Jul KO 8:30PM

Altona Magic v FC Bulleen Lions Paisley Park Sat 16 Jul KO 3:00PM

Pascoe Vale v Whittlesea Zebras Hosken Reserve Sat 16 Jul KO 3:00PM

Fawkner Blues v Langwarrin

CB Smith Reserve

BT Connor Reserve Sun 17 Jul KO 3:00PM

Sat 16 Jul KO 3:00PM

Preston Lions v Southern Stars

Western Suburbs v Port Melbourne Ralph Reserve Sun 17 Jul KO 3:00PM

SL1 U21 LADDER

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
Bulleen Lions	12	9	0	3	40	14	27
Pascoe Vale	13	8	1	4	32	24	25
awkner Blues	12	7	3	2	32	19	24
Western Subs	13	8	0	5	29	31	24
North Geelong	13	6	2	5	21	17	20
Whittlesea Z	13	6	2	5	24	22	20
angwarrin	12	6	1	5	20	19	19
Southern Stars	12	6	1	5	27	28	19
Sun George X	13	3	2	8	27	38	11
Preston Lions	13	3	1	9	20	35	10
Altona Magic	13	3	3	7	19	27	9

coe Vale, there was still time for Saso Becvinovski and Andrew Le Page to pencil their names on the scoresheet. If nothing else, the home team deserved a consolation strike for the efforts of their supporters. But it was not to be as Pascoe Vale cruised over the line 6-0. A real confidence booster said Pascoe Vale team officials as they host promotion pushers Whittlesea next week well aware of the result last time the two teams meet.



mits himself a smile after scoring the first goal of the game.

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Melbourne's Chris Gospel (left) and Fabiano De Britto (right) celebrate a late goal in their hard-fought win over

Fitzroy's Haider Noor scores a screamer past Albert

Park's Marcus Cobbledick

NIKE PREMIERSHIP

By Matthew Montgomery

FC Essendon v FC Melbourne (4-9)
The opening game of round 10 of the NIKE Vie saw relegation rivals FC Essendon in 9th League saw relegation fivals P.C. Essendoin in 94 do battle with F.C Melbourne in 10th. It was always going to be a hotly contested game as both sides sensed an opportunity to creep closer away from the dreaded automatic relegation spot. The inclusions for the reds consisted of utility Boza training the property of t Loianica and 2009 premiership winning keeper Batko Kalaba – playing his first game with Essendon since the 09-10 season. As for Melbourne, they were to be without their general in defence. Mus Eloor, but re-called Phil Robotis as cover. Often labelled a side which play negative football (lowest total of goals scored tend to "park the bus", it seemed that Melbourne had thrown their defensive style out the window as they raced to a 3-0 lead in the opening 5 min-utes! They were well worked goals as too, with a double from midfield maestro Fabiano De Britto and a cheeky back-heel from Phil Robotis set the tone for the half. Player-Manager, Chris Gospel, who in his second game back from injury led by example for his side as he wanted his boys to keep attacking by adding a 4th and his first for the season. But Essendon were never going to lay down, as their experience and determination got them back in the game with goals from defend-ers Lubomir Erakovic and Boza Lojanica mak-ing the score a bit more respectable at 4-2. Then all of Essendon's hard-work became undone as stand-in-captain, Elias Stavridis drove the ball into the top corner and David Fletcher completed the scoring with a fine finish under Kalaba's legs a return to the V-League Kalaba would love to forget! The second half saw an Essendon revival as they constantly tested Melbourne keeper Harry Kitharidis. It was only a matter of time un-til the reds achieved their breakthrough, and they got it, through a quickly taken Alex Stevanovic free-kick – followed by a second by Alex to make it 6-4. But from this point, the game was to take a massive turn as two red cards were awarded to Ivan Pajic and Stevanovic to severely deplete their already ailing squad. With the reds completely shaken, Melbourne were able to add another two goals from De Britto who claimed a hat-trick and tireless worker Mael Guilliou. With arguably the dark blues best performance of the season – their highest goal tally of 9 – Melbourne have shown that they are capable of just sitting back and if results go their way, they could be playing cup futsal by seasons end. The future isn't as bright for Essendon, who are continually on the slide. Serious changes need to be put in

motion, and sooner rather that later. Albert Park FC v Fitzroy FC (8-9) The second game of the night dished up a massive curve ball for both the spectators and for Fitzroy as Albert Park had changed management during the week and thus a completely new look side took to the pitch – not one of former manager Jason Ioanidis' side were included. The new manager appointed was former Pas-coe Vale hard-man Alex Areggin who brought along former league players in keeper Marcus Cobbledick, defender Chris Vithoulkas, utilities Anthony Hammer and Marko Nastic, along with debutants Joe Clarke and Same Wade. Deciding to throw a curve-ball of his own, Fitzroy manager Hamid Hassanikhoo re-called keeper Steve Cace and placed regular keeper Dianoosh Rasoulzadeh on the bench, not to play in goals... but on the pitch! When the first half began, Al-bert Park really took it to the 3rd ranked Fitzroy as both sides went goal for goal. New manager, Alex Areggin led by example as he scored the first two goals for 'the oranges' but the deficit was later reduced as Haider Noor hit a fine finish, followed by a Cameron Holmes double to make it 3-2. NIKE V-League first gamer, Joe Clarke seemed right at home in as he composed himself to slot past Cace to level the game. But that lead was short lived as Fitzroy striker, Noor, bagged his second to make it 4-3 at half time. The new Albert Park boys had put in quite an impressive performance in the first half, and their form continued into the second as Areggin earned a hat trick. But after Areggin's goal, it seemed to flick Fitzroy's switch as the piled on four goals in a row with Hamid and Holmes bagging two each and Holmes booting his fourth for the game. It seemed there would be no way back from 8-5 down for the newly constructed Albert Park side, but when defender Chris Vithoulkas added a further 3 goals it made for a very nervy ending for Fitzroy, but captain Hamid steadied the ship and sealed the 9-8 win and secured their 3rd spot on the ladder. It was a gallant performance from Albert Park who have the basis for a very good side, it will be interesting what manager, Alex Areggin chooses to do with his players. As for Fitzroy, they should consider themselves lucky as they certainly did "get out of jail". Hopefully the country- will be in between the sticks next week where he belongs and not waste his talent on the pitch.

Foot of the table heats up with 'new' team



(centre) as he scored one of the goals of the year!



Brunswick's Munya Nyadzayo (left) and Prahran's Maxi Avram had standout performances for their sides.

Metropolitan FC v Pascoe Vale FC (4-11) The Metro vs Pascoe Vale clash is normally a game that would usually have spectators frothing at the mouth, but of recent weeks, Metropolitan have not been performing at the standard that we have been used to in past seasons as they are now placed in 5th position. Their chances of overcoming 2nd on the ladder Pascoe Vale were hindered as they took to the pitch with the bare mini-mum of players (5) including a fill-in keeper in Evan Robotis. On the other hand, Pascoe Vale regained keeper Greg Lascaris from injury to share keeping duties with Jamie Tran and former Ashburton defender, Rodrigo Evangelista made his debut for last seasons champs. Defender Ahmed Azzam was the first to get on the score-sheet for Pascoe Vale as he ran onto Joao Da Silva's pass on the edge of the "D" to easily slot past Robotis Da Silva then scored a goal of his own by shoot ing from long-range, sneaking the ball just inside Robotis' left post. Then just as the black and whites thought they were going to have every-thing their own way, Metro defender Tomo Grgic got forward to put away a much needed goal and close the gap to 2-1. But soon enough Grgic's goal would seem fairly insignificant as Pascoe Vale would pile on the next four goals. Rodrigo in his debut game side footed a long range effort past Robotis, who to be fair was distracted by an advancing run from Azzam. The next two goals were scored by Azzam himself as he completed a rare first-half hat-trick. Pascoe Vale captain, Andre Caro, then wrapped up the half by running of his marker (Irzad Spijodic) and thumped home a side ball from Joao Da Silva leaving it 6-1 at the break. By this point the Metro boys seemed men-tally and physically drained by the opening of the second half, and there was little wonder from the boys in sky blue when Pascoe Vale's dominance over their once fierce rivals continued. Joao Da Silva claimed his 7th brace of the season as he linked with Caro to then find himself rolling the ball into an unguarded net. Ahmed Azzam signed off an amazing night by scoring his 4th and 5th goals of the night in a man-of-the-match perforthe Metro boys did have opportunities to score, but were unable to take their chances. Sometimes half chances at best. Caro on the other end of the

spectrum was taking (and making) his chances as he finished the night with a hat-trick of his own. It took all of almost half an hour for Metro to score their next goal, and it was a Jusuf Avdic thumper that did the job. With the game all but over, Irzad Spijodic (along with some lacklustre defending) was also able to add 2 goals to the tally making it 11-4. It was a win that the current champs desperately needed and it was good to finally see them enjoying their futsal again. Especially before the big game against North next week. Metro on the other hand will need to regroup quickly before they loose touch with the top four, as they are probably out of title contention! On tonights performance anyway...

CF Brunswick v FC Prahran (4-7)

The next game at 8:45 saw two of the most ambitious teams in the NIKE V-League in 4th placed Brunswick take on Prahran in 6th. There were no new inclusions to come in for either side, although there were BIG exclusions as Danny Ngaluafe was out for Brunswick, and last week's 9 goal hero Marcus Barbosa was unavailable for Prahran. Two players that would have surely added plenty more fire-works to this fixture. Just as he did last week against Essendon, Brunswick defender Ignat Filipovic opened the scoring with a deft shot past keeper Michael Chami from a setpiece. It was then a case of goal-for-goal as Ernie Simsek levelled for Prahran, then cancelled out by a Mike Sharples top corner stunner, a strike which was worthy of goal of the week. Minutes later, magical Maxi Avram brought the match back to level terms when he dispossessed Sharples, danced around Filipovic and slotted past an advancing Brendan Chen. With the game in the balance, well known for his strong perfrmances on the big stage, Ernie Simsek got the advantage for his side when he combined with defender Adam Husseini to easily pass their way through the Brunswick defence to make it 3-2 at half time. After the break, the 'Magical One' – Maxi Avram – had his shooting boots on yet again as he scored 2 to complete his hat-trick and to give his side the upper hand. Ernie Simsek again bobbed up, also for his third major of the game to extend Prahran's lead and increase the likelihood of claiming all three points, but Brunswick were

never going to go down without a fight as Mike Sharples bagged his second when he latched onto a well-weighted through ball from defender Damir Marusic and then controlled the ball well to chip over the top of Chami. With time running out, Brunswick needed to desperately score the next goal, but tricky Prahran midfielder, Ahmed Muktar, made sure that a comeback never even tuated as the Egyptian blasted a toe-poke into the roof of Chen's net. With three minutes left, and with a 4-goal deficit, striker and club top scorer Munya Nyadzayo could only manage a consolation goal as he pounced on a poor Chami clearance to slot into an open net to finalise the scoring at 4-7. It was a great win for Prahran who were able to overcome quality opposition, as they have struggled with getting wins over top-four in recent weeks – and all without the services of Barbosa. Brunswick on the other hand missed the defensive nous of Ngaluafe, whose experience and composure would've been welcomed by manager Niko Ignatiadis. Hopefully the reds can call on their Futsalroo representative for next week's clash against Fitzroy, as the try to make 4th spot their own.

Ashburton FC v FC Balwyn (8-3)
The second last clash of the round 10 card saw Ashburton in 7th go head to head with a determined and disciplined Balwyn in 12th. It was a scenario that Ashburton have not been familiar with of recent weeks, and that scenario I speak of is having a full list of 8 players, a feat that they haven't enjoyed since round 3 as Mark Burton, former Ashburton defender Manny Karas and debut keeper Damian Pappas were all included to the squad. Balwyn, who are coming off one of the performances of the season - a 6-5 loss to North - had regained regular keeper Mario Roza but were unable to call on forward Simon Menichelli. When play got underway, Ashburton made their intentions clear from the outset as regular forward pairing in Simon La Manda and James Blackburn combined for the opening goal as Blackburn's spot on pass was faultless as it net. Blackburn was at it again only moments later as he then set-up Mark Burton to make it 2-0. Then just as Ashburton were settling in the game,

effort from young Balwyn defender Mark Saric. His first goal was very important as it was yet again game on, that was only until Mark Burton marked his return with a classy 1-2 style goal with Dima Nichiforenco to complete the first half. Ashburton's manager, Paul Vidic, must have spoken words of wisdom at the half-time interval, as Ashburton came out and scored 4 unanswered goals. The first came from defender Manny Karas who showed that he was capable of finishing to go along with his strong defensive capabilities. La Manda then claimed his second and stretched the "green machine's" lead to 5-1. You could really see the confidence growing in this new-look side, it was as if they had been together since round 1. Mark Burton seemed to thrive off the feeling of being with quality players as he was able to score one of the greates goals the V-League has seen when he perfectly chipped Mario Roza. The whole stadium erupted in awe of the former New Zealand international and Werder Bremen man. Burton was still not finished yet, as he inflicted yet more pain on Roza by scoring his fourth. Trying to add a bit more respectability for his side on the scoreboard, defender Tony Saric joined his brother Mark on the scoresheet by blasting through Pappas from an amazing angle to make it 7-2. James Blackburn, after becoming provider for many of his team-mates goals claimed one for himself as he ran off his mark to easily put his sides 8th goal into the net. Then in the final minute of play, Balwyn cap-tain Tony Imeri scored from a Ben Bodo corner to end the game at 8-3. It was a performance that Balwyn would rather forget as they have been known to be hard to overcome, but Ashburton -now with key defender Manny Karas- look like

Balwyn bit back through a wonderful long-range

North Melbourne FC v Hume FC (10-3) The final game of the night saw top ranked North

Melbourne pitted against 8th placed Hume. to have an un-changed and full-strength line-up, whereas his opposing manager. Amin Keddad was not so fortunate as he was without his en-

a formidable side with the likes of Blackburn

Burton and La Manda combining. Is there better things to come from Ashburton in the future?

V-League Standings

	Ρ	۷	٧	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
Nth Melbourne FC	10)	9	1	0	90	42	48	28
Pascoe Vale FC	08	9	7	2	0	56	26	30	23
Fitzroy FC	09	9	7	0	2	58	41	17	21
CF Brunswick	10)	5	1	4	64	51	13	16
Metropolitan FC	09	9	5	1	3	56	58	-2	16
FC Prahran	10)	4	2	4	66	50	16	14
Ashburton FC	10)	4	2	4	62	67	-5	14
Hume FC	10)	3	1	6	48	58	-10	10
FC Essendon	08	9	3	1	5	49	74	-25	10
0 FC Melbourne	10)	3	0	7	38	59	-21	9
1 Albert Park FC	10)	1	1	8	45	82	-37	4
2 FC Balwyn	10)	1	0	9	36	60	-24	3

NIKE V-LEAGUE RESULTS Round 10 Wed July 6th

6:30 FC Essendon v FC Melbourne 7:15 Albert Park FC v Fitzroy FC 8:00 Metropolitan FC v Pascoe Vale FC 8:45 CF Brunswick v FC Prahran 9:30 Ashburton FC v FC Balwyn 10:15 Nth Melbourne FCv Hume FC

NIKE V-LEAGUE ROUND 11

- 6:30 FC Melbourne v FC Prahran
- 7:15 FC Essendon v FC Balwyn 8:00 Nth Melbourne FC v Pascoe Vale FC
- 8:45 Ashburton FC v Hume FC 9:30 CF Brunswick v Fitzroy FC
- 10:15 Albert Park FCv Metropolitan FC

NIKE V-LEAGUE Top Goal Scorers

1) J. Blackburn AFC -2) M. Nyadzayo CFB -3) C. Holmes FFC -4) M. Avram FCP -5) A. Stevanovic FCE -19

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tire starting side of Moe Tankir, Turhan Sumbol Nejdet Sahin and Resit Culculoglu. Although forward pair Burukhan Koca and Adrian Fuscalzo returned. It was no wonder that the first half was a tight and defensive affair as depleted Hume battled to keep out the free-scoring dark blues, and as had as they tried to keep them a bay, it was only a matter of time until the back of the net was hit. In form play-maker, Tiago Priori fed Jonathan Barrientos for an easy tapin to open the scoring, which was then followed by an unlucky Alex Husseini own goal and a typical Adam Cooper thumper to make it 3-0 One would have thought that Hume would have dropped their heads by this point, but manager Amin kept encouraging and had faith in his players. Amin's faith was then repaid as new-look strike partnership of Koca and Fruscalzo made it 3-2. Hume could then sense they were back in the game and their confidence grew as they tried to see out the rest of the half without conceding That was until Japanese import, Hara Yoshinao in his second game gave his side some breathing space before the break with a quality goal as he danced around Koca and shot past a dazed Cor Makris. Yoshinao then completed his brace in the second half as he opened the scoring with a slick move from a corner, as the Japanese dynamo seems to be slotting in just fine in his new team! Fruscalzo also bagged his second goal or the game as his weak and deflected shot tricklet through Christos Apostolakis's legs. Then killing off any chance Hume had of a comeback North scored 5 un-answered goals. Cooper go his second by latching onto a Yoshinao long-ball then Priori put his mark on the game by assisting Colby Waterfield and then scoring 2 himself. He really is fast becoming one of the most highly regarded midfielders in the league. With the resulalready dead and buried, Alex Jankovic finalised the scoring at 10-3 as he turned in Barrientos shot-cum-cross, albeit off his knee! With impressive performances from Alex Husseini and Diego Assaeda, this was not what Hume are capable of With their regular side it would have been a closto beat to date, but they real test is next week when they lock horns with Pascoe Vale for the V-

League 'el-clasico'! A game not to be missed!



MELBOURNE KNIGHTS



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HEIDELBERG UNITED



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Match Details

SHOTS: MK 6 HU 4 TARGET: MK 1 HU 2 CORNERS: MK 9 HU 6

Melbourne Knights: John, Filipovic, Shin, Uskok, Magdic, Kozic, Franjic, A. Colosimo, Zilic (S. Romein 60'), J. Colosimo (Vincent 65'), Sweeney.

Not Used: A. Romein, Saglam.

Goals: Kayne Vincent 75'.

Heidelberg United.

Keene, Elvin, Byles, Martin, Doumbalis, Armenian (Papadopoulos 90'), Travis, Christodoulou (Alilovic 72'), Ederaro, Alexovski, McIlroy (Nabbout 81').

Goals: Saso Alexovski 6'.

MoM: Ederaro (HU)

Crowd: Approx 750 @ Knights Stadium.

Knights and Bergers share the points

By Andrew Fisher

On Friday night in wet and windy conditions, the Melbourne Knights played host to Heidelberg United, in the VPL match of the round.

With both sides showing much improvement over the second half of the season, fans anticipated an exciting fixture between the former NSL rivals.

The opening whistle coincided with the rain that made conditions difficult underfoot, but the home side quickly pushed the visitors into their back half winning two early corners. Heidelberg comfortably dealt with the early pressure, and wasted no time hitting the Knights on the break down the right wing, which saw a pinpoint cross find Saso Alexovski completely unmarked from 6 yards out to smash home on the volley to give the visitors a dream start.

Shocked into action the Knights pushed forward and earned another corner, this time Sweeney found Filipovic at the far post to head back into the middle for Uskok who saw his close range header at goal blocked by some desperate defending from Luke Byles.

The pace of Osagie Ederaro was a real threat to the taller and slower Knights defenders, with the fleet-footed winger running at them with speed and step overs. The visitors clearly adapted to the conditions better then the home side, who found it difficult to play to their usual fast passing style of football.

When the Knights did manage to get into dangerous areas, they squandered their chances with Craig Sweeney blazing over from the edge of the area, and Jacob Colosimo seeing his effort from 6 yards out blocked out by the formidable Heidelberg defence

Heidelberg almost doubled their lead on the stroke of half time,

after Ederaro released Hamlet Armenian through on goal, but from a tight angle he could only hit his shot into the side netting.

The second half began much as the first half ended, with the Knights failing in the final third, and looking shaky against the fast counter attacking of the visitors.

Anthony Colosimo did well

to win steal possession off a Heidelberg defender, but his quick cross caught Jacob Colosimo by surprise who could only knee his shot over the crossbar. Just minutes later Anthony Colosimo set up an opportunity for Josip Magdic to strike at goal, only for another effort on goal to fly over the bar, leaving Heidelberg's debut goalkeeper Keene untested.

In the 65th minute Luke Doumboulis had the chance to put the game beyond doubt following a corner to the visitors, but could only header his effort from close range straight into the grateful arms of Martin John.

The Knights looked to the bench and gave a home debut to new signing Kayne Vincent. The New Zealand striker signed from Churchill Brothers in India took less then ten minutes to repay the faith and find an equalizing goal for the home side, scoring from close range on the second effort.

With new-found belief the Knights searched for the winning goal, but Heidelberg's formidable defence were not going to be breached again, and ultimately the teams shared the points from this hard-fought contest.

Next week the Knights play host to sister club and State One bound St Albans Saints, whilst Heidelberg will welcome Green Gully to the Olympic Village.

In the Under 21's Melbourne Knights defeated Heidelberg 4-1.



The Knights swamp Kayne Vincent after putting the home side back on level terms. Photo: STEVE STAREK



Adam Zilic applies the pressure with a header. Photo: STEVE STAREK







Knights new boy Kayne Vincent nips one in past the advancing Rhyss Keane. Photo: STEVE STAREK



NORTHCOTE CITY



GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS



Northcote City: 22 Chris Petropoulos, 12 Hayden D'Agostino, 2 Adriano Chiappetta 3. Kristian Konstandinidis, 16. Paul Savio (11. Harry Kinigopoulos), 23. Jason Trifiro, 8 Nicholas Curtis 17 Gianni De Nittis 19 Dean Piemonte (7. Jonathan Voulgaris 65'), 18. James Kalifatidis, 9. Trent Rixon. Unused subs: 1. Charles Treacy, 5. Nick

Scorers: None

Yellow cards: Adriano Chiappetta 66'

Green Gully: 1. Nikola Roganovic, 2. Daniel Jones, 3. Dean Kerr, 4. Cameron Drake, 6. Stephen Downes, 7. Jeffrey Fleming, 8. Jason Hayne, 10. Graham Hockless, 12. Matthew Sanders, 16. Mile Medjedovic, 17. Andy Vargas. Unused Subs: 23 Michael O'Farrell, 11 Pasquale Vizzari, 14. Simon Storey, 18. Joel Nikolic, 20. Joshua Pugh.

Scorers: Stephen Downes 31' Graham Hockless 33' Jason Hayne 68' Matthew Sanders 81 Yellow cards: None

Man of the Match: Jason Havne

Venue: John Cain Memorial Park Crowd: 500

Gully gallop on as City crumbles

By Tony Persoglia

Green Gully took a crucial step in claiming its spot in the Alanic Victorian Premier League playoffs with a comprehensive display against a lacklustre Northcote City at John Cain Memorial Park on Saturday. The Cavaliers were brilliant, scoring a brace of goals in each half to hallmark an effortless display.

Reeling from a poor performance at Olympic Village on Sunday evening, Peter Tsolakis made some structural changes to his starting lineup, awarding starts to Gianni De Nittis and Nicholas Curtis in place of the experienced duo of Harry Kinigopoulos and Nick Tzoulis. For Gully, Lubo Lapsansky brought in Graham Hockless and Daniel Kerr for Brent Fisher and the injured Jonathan Munoz.

With the sun beaming down on the John Cain pitch, neither team were able to wrestle control of the contest until De Nittis was able to break the line on the left wing in the 13th minute. His cut back evaded a number of defenders before Trent Rixon pounced to deliver a scuffed shot with his right foot that was just wide of the mark.

Six minutes later, Matthew Sanders delivered an inchperfect pass for Andy Vargas,

but Chris Petropoulos, superb off his line, and Adriano Chiappetta combined well to shut down the experienced

It took a moment of brilliance to eventually break the deadlock, and it came in the form of Stephen Downes in the 31st minute. Gathering the ball deep on the left wing. a lovely touch with his right provided enough space for a sight on goal, and he executed a swerving shot that gave a dumbfounded Petropoulos little chance.

Still licking their wounds, the Blue-and-Whites were soon staring a two-goal home deficit, when Graham Hockless produced a killer blow from twenty yards, his powerful shot again too much for the City custodian.

Gully, clearly on top in all areas of the pitch, continued their dominance in the second half, and were unlucky not to breach the City goal on a third occasion when Jason Hayne was again put through, his first touch gave Petropoulos, who was again quick off his line, the perfect opportunity to deny the New Zealand youth international.

Ultimately, the third goal came on 68 minutes in possibly the most curious passage of play of the entire match. A Gully corner produced another shot on goal from a



Stephen Downes' thumping strike eludes the keeper and makes its way to the onior bag to make it 2-0. Photo: PETER PSARROS

heated goalmouth scramble, Chiappetta on hand to clear from the goal line. Gully, still in possession from the clearance, were able to execute a series of intricate passes before Vargas eventually found Matthew Sanders for the simplest of finishes amidst the chaos.

Three goals to the good, and Gully had their tails up, dominating in midfield and controlling possession against a clearly dejected City. The injection of Jonathan Voulgaris and Kinigopoulos off the bench did little to stem the tide, and Gully had their fourth in the 81st minute when Hayne capped off a man-ofthe-match display, finishing some neat work from substitute Pasquale Vizzari.

Gully will take their impressive form to Olympic Village on a couple of occasions over the next week. On Tuesday evening they meet Heidelberg United in the Mirabella Cup, where a spot in the quarterfinals awaits. On Sunday they tackle them again, where another mini-elimination final

could determine the playoff aspirations of both clubs.

City travel to SS Anderson Reserve on Wednesday night, where State League high flyers Port Melbourne Sharks stand in the way of a Mirabella Cup quarter-final place. On Sunday afternoon, they travel to Keysborough where all three points against the relegation bound Springvale White Eagles are a must if they are to stand any chance of finals football in 2011.



Jeff Fleming bears the marks of battle and gets bandaged up good and proper. Photo: PETER PSARROS



Man of the Match Jason Hayne makes it 3-0 and puts the match beyond Northcote's reach. Photo: PETER PSARROS



DANDENONG THUINDER



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SPRINGVALE W EAGLES



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Match Details

Dandenong Thunder:

Webster, Stuart, Raxhepi, S., Webster, Scott, Tomic, A., Theodore, M., Sherbon, L., Kearny, L., Gray, S. (Barnes, J. 46'), Harrison, B., Stott, A. (Azzizi, F. 62'), Korcari, V.

Scorers: Rexhepi 10', Sherbon 81'

Springvale White Eagles:

Jevdevic, B., Bajic, B., Corbett, Jason, Mrdic, G., Woods, C., Nikolic, D., D'Angelos, D., Vukas, Z., Zoric, G., Pulinov, D. (Erakovic, D. 85'), Karanicolas, L.

Scorer: Zoric 42'

Cool Hand Luke Shoots Down Eagles

By George Stogiannou

Dandenong Thunder bounced back from its mid week Mirabella Cup elimination at the hands of Springvale White Eagles, turning the tables on its neighbour with a 2-1 home win against the Eagles on Saturday in their Rd 19 VPL derby.

Luke Sherbon's 81st minute goal decided the tight contest to give Thunder its first win in six matches.

The visitors adopted a cautious approach in the first half concentrating on getting players behind the ball and playing on the counterattack with danger man Goran Zoric as the lone striker.

Thunder welcomed back skipper Veton Korcari to partner Ashley Stott up front in a 4-4-2 formation. The home team was on the front foot early creating several half chances for Stott, Korcari and Sherbon. The early pressure led to corners and Thunder struck early in the match when centre back Shane Rexhepi punished a weak corner clearance by heading the rebound into the net after just ten minutes.

The early goal boosted the home team's confidence as it controlled possession and strung passes together effectively. The Eagles struggled to mount any serious attacks until the final minutes of the half when midfielder Lewis Karanicolas won a free kick on the right flank. Gordan Mrdic's inswinging free kick into the heart of the defence found the head of Zoric who glanced the ball on its way into goal



It's all tango fandango in the Thunder penalty area as keeper Stuart Webster tries to cope with a number of bodies. Photo: PETER KAKALIAS

past Thunder keeper Stuart Webster for the equalizer. Karanicolas missed a great chance to put the Eagles in front soon after the break when he blasted a corner rebound well over the bar. The Eagles adopted a more positive approach in the second half and looked more dangerous as a result. Zoric cut inside to fire his low shot goalwards producing a sharp save by Webster at his near post.

At the other end, Stott missed an excellent chance when a Korcari pass released him into space behind the Eagles defence, only to have his shot saved by Eagles player coach and keeper, Bojo Jevdevic.

With the game hanging

in the balance, Thunder's Liam Kearny broke into space on the left side of the box and found team mate Sherbon in the box with a square pass. Sherbon kept his composure to hold off a challenge and calmly fire past Jevdevic for the winning goal. The visitors had one final chance to score again from a Mrdic free kick which Thunder keeper Webster managed to keep out with a fine save.

Thunder players savoured the return to the winner's list and after the match player-coach Steven gray commented, " It was difficult, I've brought a new system in, a 4-4-2, It's hard to adapt quickly. In the first half I wasn't too happy, we

huffed and puffed a little bit. The second half, the lads done quite well. I thought Liam Kearny worked very well and thought Sherbs was very good. When things aren't going for you, you know it's tough, you have to dig in. I'm delighted for the boys. They dug in, I think they got the win they deserved. In fairness, Springvale gave it a good go, they never gave up, but I thought it's about time we got some luck."

Eagles player coach Bojo Jevdevic commented after the game, "It was a hard fought game. I think my boys did well. Full credit to them. It's a hard place to come and play. What we did was we wanted to be disciplined, get ourselves in shape behind the ball and create something on the counter. Obviously that was the plan. It nearly worked. ..I think we played our game well. It wasn't pretty. I wish the boys had taken a point. They deserved it the last few weeks, not only today. But we just fell at the last hurdle."

Thunder sit five points out side the final five, with five games remaining, three of which are against sides also battling for a finals place. Realistically they face an up hill battle but they have the chance to build some momentum when they take on the struggling VTC Youth side at home on Tuesday night.



Up, up and away! Thunder's Matt Theodore takes off after a desperate White Eagles tackle. Photo: PETER PSARROS



Goalie's got guts: Thunder's Stuart Webster bravely throws himself at the feet of Goran Zoric. Photo: PETER PSARROS

HUME CITY



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BENTLEIGH GREENS



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Match Detail

Hume City:

1. Lupce Acevski, 22. Phillip Riccobene, 6. Serdar Pir, 5. Steven Pace, 7. Isiyan Erdogan, 9. Pece Siveski, 10. Richie Cardozo, 15. Zoran Petrevski, 11. Andy Vlahos, 12. Ross Thompson (M. Pistinizi) 25. Atilla Ofli (D. Delic)

SUBS: 20. Michael Bosevski, 3. Fabio Delitzia, 18. Kenny Geroh

Goals: Petrevski 80'

Bentleigh Greens:

1. Peter Gavalas, 4. Craig Smart, 6. Michael Gwyther, 8. Wayne Wallace (B. Lolios) 10. Scott Bulloch, 11. Alex Rojas, 12. Adam Fadljevic, 14. Aron Wilford, 17. Jack Webster, 20. Luke Pilkington, 23. Ryan De Vries (M. Cariel)

SUBS: 41. Luke Gavalas, 16. Mackie Simmons, 3. Curran Ferns,

Goals: De Vries 21', 75'

Man of the Match:

Ryan De Vries (Bentleigh Greens)

Venue: John Ilhan Memorial Reserve

De Vries Steals The Show

By Sacha Pisani

Bentleigh ended Hume's undefeated run with a 2-1 win thanks to a 5-star performance by Ryan De Vries at the John Ilhan Memorial Reserve on Saturday afternoon.

Coming off a 3-2 defeat at the hands of Richmond, A double from De Vries inspired the Greens to an important win as they continue their quest for Finals football, while the loss for Hume condemned them to their first defeat in 11 games.

In a half that saw both teams struggle to stamp any real authority, Bentleigh got off to a promising start with an impressive passage of play, which saw Scott Bulloch with some space to unleash a strike against the crossbar.

Hume slowly began to settle into their stride but failed to create any clear cut chances and that was to be the story of their half, as they failed to register one shot on target.

There were some positive moments from the league leaders but the final delivery was missing as the half went on. Some great determination from Andy Vlahos saw him get the better of Luke Pilkington but the cross failed to pick out a Hume City shirt.

The Greens continued to look dangerous and Michael Gwyther came close to opening the scoring after cutting into the box and turning two defenders. His shot however, lacked conviction and was easily saved by Acevski.

Acevski would be brought into action again as he picked the ball up from the back of the net after a well taken goal from De Vries against the run of play in the 21st minute. Some great individual work from De Vries saw his first touch create some space inside the box and leaving Acevski helpless as he unleashed a powerful shot across goal.

As Hume searched for an equalizer before half time, they began to force the final ball and Bentleigh were the beneficiaries, as they were awarded a penalty. De Vries was at the center of it all yet again and his pass played in Bulloch who was then brought down in the area. Rojas stepped up but could not

double the lead as Acevski pulled off a fantastic save to his right.

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The score remained 1-0 at the break.

With the Introduction of Delic at half time, Hume began the 2nd half positively with a number of players pushing forward. Hume was then awarded a free kick but Cardozo failed to trouble Gavalas in goal.

Bentleigh were always a threat on the counter attack with more and more Hume players pushing forward in search of an equalizer, however as the match wore on, both side's struggled to keep possession.

In the 75th minute De Vries all but sealed 3 points for his team following a moment of sheer brilliance. Driving into the box with pace, De Vries turned two defenders inside out and calmly slotted the ball past Acesvski to make it 2-0.

The Hume faithful grew inpatient with their sides performance and inability to trouble the Bentleigh, this seamed to spur City into action as they piled on the pressure in the remaining 15 minutes.

Hume made sure there was a nervy finale as Petrevski pulled a goal back in the 80th minute. A lob from Vlahos across the 6-yard box picked out and Petrevski and he headed home to make it 2-1.

Bentleigh were firmly penned back in their defensive half as Hume desperately searched for an equalizer and one final chance fell to Pace but his shot went sailing over the bar.

The score remained 2-1 and Bentleigh's hopes of a top 5 finish live on

Bentleigh will kick off Round 20 and welcome Dandenong Thunder to Kingston Heath on Friday night. Their final's aspirations will be put to the test against a determined Thunder outfit hopeful of building on their win over Springvale White Eagles.

Next Sunday, Hume travels to John Cain Memorial Park as they clash with South Melbourne, which looms as a defining match for both clubs. Hume will be looking to all but seal a top of the table finish and South will be hoping to respond after a number of unimpressive performances.



Bentleigh's Ryan De Vries stuns the home crowd with a brace against the VPL league leaders. Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Hume's Ofli Attila tries to hold off the attention of Bentleigh's Wayne Wallace. Photo: DANIEL FLIS



Luke Pilkington is under threat from Hume's player-coach Andy Vlahos. Photo: DANILE FLIS

RICHMOND EAGLES



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SOUTH MELBOURNE





Match Details

Richmond: S.Gal, A.Viola, E.Karahan, R.Antoniadis, M.Bissinger, T.Purcell, S.Muirhead (M.Eterovic 80'), M.Catalano (D.Bonne 85'), N.Marinos (D.Tsiaras 70'), A.Kovacic,

Goal: Antoniadis 5'

M.Ferrante.

Yellow Cards: Kovacic 50' Muirhead 59' Ferrante 87' Eterovic 92'

Red Cards: None

South Melbourne:

Z.Zanelli, T.Mathews, C.Recchia, S.Topalovic, T.Waterson (F.de Moraes 46'), D.Vasilevski, M.Gasparis, S.Petrovic (D.Dragicevic 83'), R.Payne (K.Joryeff 75'), S.Weir, K.Taseski.

Yellow Card: Matthews 66'

Red Cards: None

Eagles still in the hunt for finals spot

By Maric Boric

Saturday saw Richmond host South Melbourne at Kevin Bartlett Reserve safe in the knowledge that their survival in the AVPL was assured.

No changes were made to the side which beat Bentleigh Greens 3-2, with coach Michael Chatzitrifonos hoping his more relaxed team would take the game to their more highly-regarded opponents. Third-placed South Melbourne were forced into the one change, with injured skipper Steven O'Dor replaced in the line-up by Marinos Gasparis. Steven Topalovic lined-up against his former club, with another ex-Eagle Jesse Krncevic missing the clash for South serving the last week of his suspension.

The home side got off to the best possible start, opening the scoring in the fifth minute. A free-kick deep in the right corner saw the ball delivered into the box, going to ground as it was nudged away from Nick Marinos before being picked up by Ross Antoniadis who turned and fired a strong drive beyond Zaim Zeneli for his first goal in Eagles colours.

From a corner-kick from the same area a minute later Erhan Karahan headed over the goal at the far post, with the visitors still reeling from falling behind. It wasn't until the twentieth minute that they would carve out their first chance, a switch of play to the left seeing Kliment Taseski head the ball back centrally for Daniel Vasilevski, who's volley from the top of the box sailed over the crossbar.

In the twenty-fifth minute Karahan won the ball in his own half before delivering it to Marinos who played a great ball forward to put Scott Muirhead through. Zeneli raced off his line to deny Muirhead, and needed lengthy treatment for a head wound from the collision that followed. Vasilevski found Taseski on the right ten minutes later, but the shot flew across the face of goal.

Interplay with Muirhead saw Mitch Bissinger break all the way down the right into the corner, but his cross was over-hit and drifted over beyond the far post for a goal-kick. Rhodri Payne got the ball on the left and slipped it to Vasilevski in the middle who shot wide as the first-half entered stoppage time. It remained 1-0 to the Eagles at the interval.

Again it was Richmond quick to find their feet in attack when play resumed, with Muirhead getting into the right corner in the forty-seventh minute and crossing to the penalty spot where Michael Ferrante's header forced a good stop from Zeneli. A foul on Vasilevski by Antun Kovacic five minutes later saw a free-kick from Vasilevski strike the top of the defensive wall and loop onto the crossbar before being headed clear at the second attempt by a desperate Richmond defence. Vasilevski was providing the main threat to Richmond, a ball from Recchia on the left allowing him to turn past Bissinger and get into the penalty area before having his shot deflected into the side netting.

On the hour mark a quick, long free-kick from Kovacic saw Zeneli spill the ball unchallenged, with Muirhead latching onto it and going down in the box as he tried to round the South keeper. To the relief of South Melbourne fans it was Muirhead who was booked for diving by the referee in what was a very close decision that could have gone either way.

Tom Matthews went into the book for a foul that left Timmy Purcell sprawling, before Marinos found Michael Catalano on the left who crossed to the far post where Payne cleared just in front of the waiting Muirhead. Weir went down under a tackle in the box with the ball rolling safely to Stjepan Gal. With ten minutes remaining a foul by Kovacic on Vasilevski saw Weir hit a free-kick into the wall. Yet another foul on Vasilevski around the box saw him send the ball just wide of the post from a free-kick in the eighty-third minute.

A set piece from Vasilevski wide in the left corner saw Daniel Dragicevic head wide at the far post. A sharp turn from substitute Mate Eterovic in receiving a Bissinger throw-in allowed him to pick out Purcell in space on the right, and after beating a man at the top of the box Purcell shot across the face of goal in the ninety-first minute. The final opportunity in stoppage time fell to Carl Recchia who blazed an effort high over the goal when a cross came in from the right.

The win was Richmond's third in a row, and their mathematical possibility of making the Top Five still remains, though it will be put to the test in a Sunday evening kick-off against Oakleigh Cannons at Jack Edwards Reserve. South Melbourne still hold third place, but the pursuing pack is now hot on their heels. They may need a win at John Cain Memorial Park when hosting leaders Hume City on Sunday to hold their Top Five place



Grab your partner: Richmond's Nick Marinos and South Melbourne's Steve Topalovic are in a bit of a spin as referee George Lakrindas and Eagle Michael Catalano look on. Photo: ANITA MILAS



Richmond players are jubilant and mob their match winner Ross Antoniadis. Photo:ANITA MILAS



The moment Richmond's Ross Antoniadis fires past Zaim Zeneli in the South Melbourne goals after only five minutes of play. Photo: ANITA MILAS



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Alanic VPL Round

Tue 12 Jul 8:30PM Dandenong Thunder v N.T.C

Fri 15 Jul 8:15PM Bentleigh Greens v Dandenong Thunder Kingston

Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM Melbourne Knights v St Albans Saints Knights Stadium

Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM South Melbourne v Hume City John Cain Me-

3:00PM Springvale Sun 17 Jul White Eagles v Northcote City White Eagles Stadium

Sun 17 Jul 3:00PM Heidelberg Utd v Green Gully Cavaliers Olympic

Park (Village)

Sun 17 Jul 6:00PM Oakleigh Cannons v Richmond Eagles Jack Edwards Reserve

Wed 20 Jul 8:30PM N.T.C v Northcote City

Under 21s

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Oakleigh Cannons	19	11	4	4	50	30	37	
Green Gully Cavaliers	20	9	5	6	37	29	32	
Northcote City	19	8	3	8	33	33	27	
Heidelberg Utd	19	8	3	8	35	36	27	
Richmond	21	8	2	11	35	56	25	
Dandenong Thunder	20	7	3	10	35	41	24	
VTC Football	19	7	2	10	37	45	22	
Bentleigh Greens	21	5	4	12	37	53	19	
Springvale White Eagles	21	5	1	15	30	69	16	
St Albans Saints	20	2	5	13	25	50	8	

Mens Thirds League Div 3

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Northcote City 1 **Green Gully Cavaliers 2**

Dandenong Thunder 3 Springvale White Eagles 1

Hume City 5 Bentleigh Greens 1

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Men's Metropolitan League & Women's Weekend Scoreboard

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Keilor Park

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Mens Metropolitan League South-East: Dandenong Warriors 2 Sandown Lions FC 0, Endeavour Hills 2 (A Mustafa 2) Dan-denong Wolves 5, Ringwood City 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 1, Parkmore 1 Aston Athletic Football Club 4, Old Haileybury O Glen Waverley 3, Res: Dandenong Warriors 1 Sandown Llons FC 2, Endeavour Hills 0 Dandenong Wolves 2, Ring-wood City 1 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2, Parkmore 0 Aston Athletic Football Club 1, Old Haileybury 1 Glen Waverley 6,

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Northcote City		7	5	0	2	32	21	1
Malvern City		9	5	0	4	37	28	1
Middle Park FC		9	4	1	4	29	27	1
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